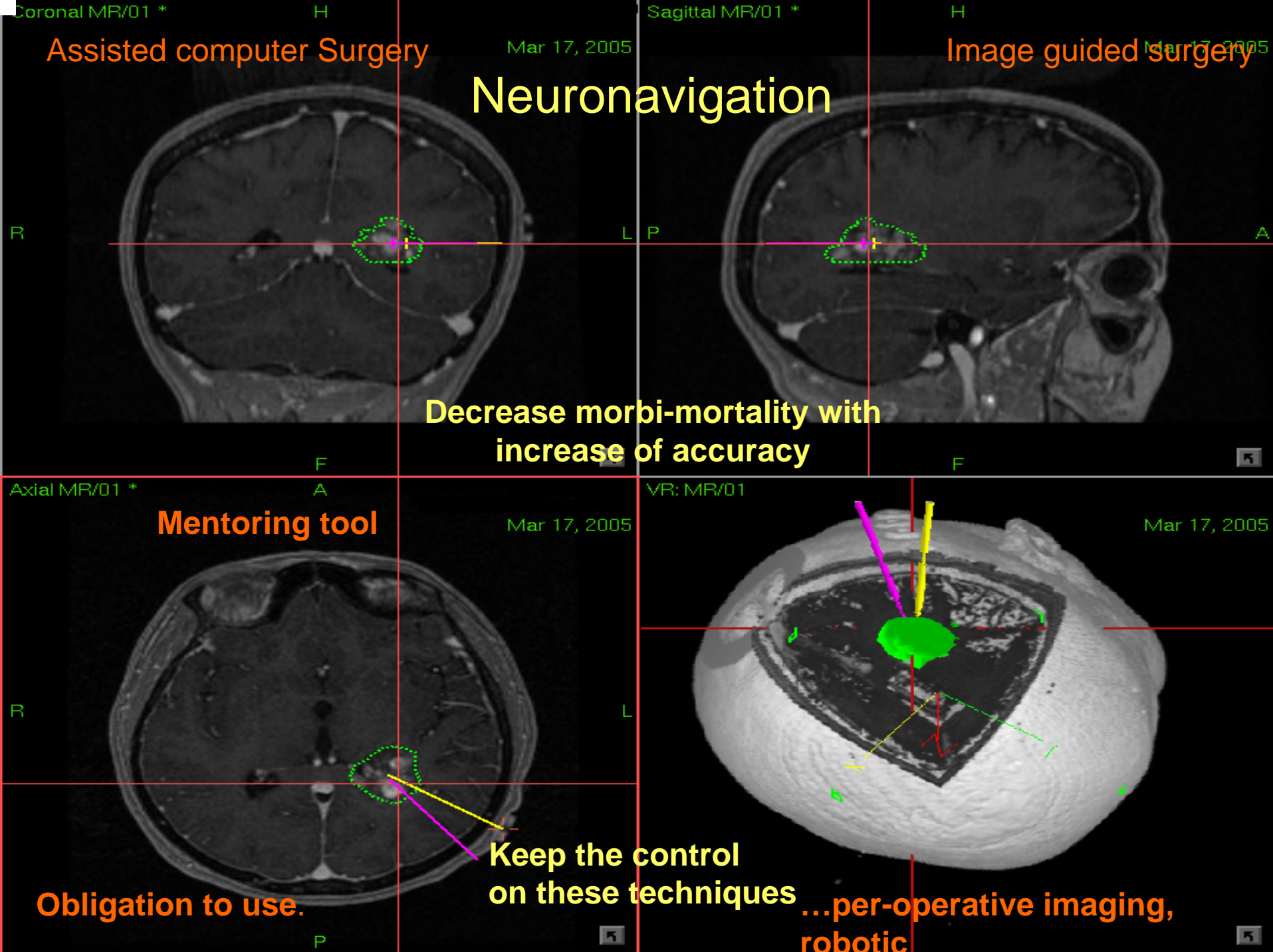


ROBOTIC and NEUROSURGERY Present and Future

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Neuronavigation

Assisted computer Surgery

Image guided surgery

Decrease morbi-mortality with increase of accuracy

Mentoring tool

Obligation to use.

Keep the control on these techniques ...per-operative imaging, robotic



INTRODUCTION:

Robotic in Neurosurgery is **one more step** in our practice:

Microscope

CT-scan, MRI, MRA

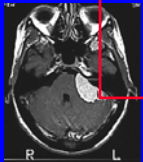
Neuronavigation (MKM (Zeiss) Val de Grâce, Paris, 1994 : **Pr. Michel DESGEORGES**, Toulon NOVEMBER 1999). In 199.'s it looked like « Star Wars » in France

Endoscope

Minimal invasive neurosurgery

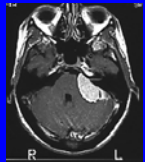
Robotic

Summer 2005: New system Stealth Station (Treon + Axiem) : **MEDTRONIC**





History





- Evolution of Knowledge

- Anatomical step

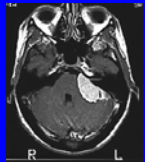
Middle of The XIX century with reports of cadaver dissections.

- Therapeutic step

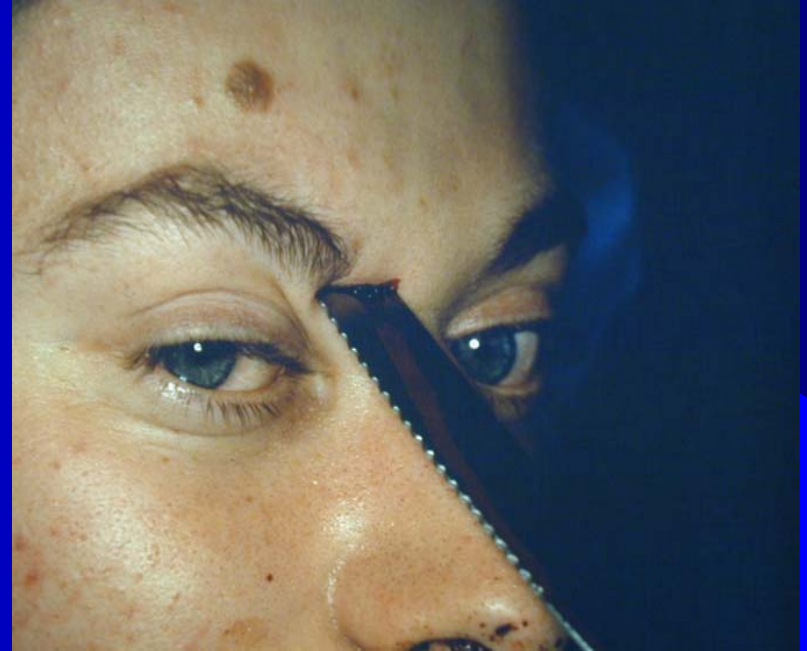
First middle of the XX century



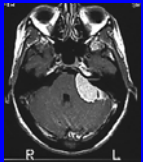
Mortality = 50 %



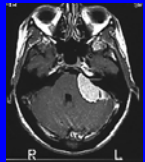
Simplified view of the surgeon: hand and knife



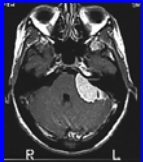
Truth is elsewhere !!!!



In very old times, craniotomy, yet!



- *Therapeutic step*
- Development due to **progresses of neuroradiology**
 - Air, and contrast enhanced Ventriculography
 - Air Encephalography
 - Carotid and Vertebral artery Angiography
- Invasive investigations released at intracranial hypertension status.





- Microscope step

- 1970...

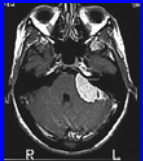
—————→
operative mortality < 10 %

Operative microscope

- 1980...

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Earlier diagnosis

CT-Scan and MRI



- *Image guided surgery step*

- 1990...



Neuronavigation

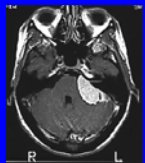
**Aims: mortality 0%
or accidental
morbidity equal to pre-op.**

<1970

Surgery to « **stay alive** »

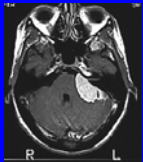
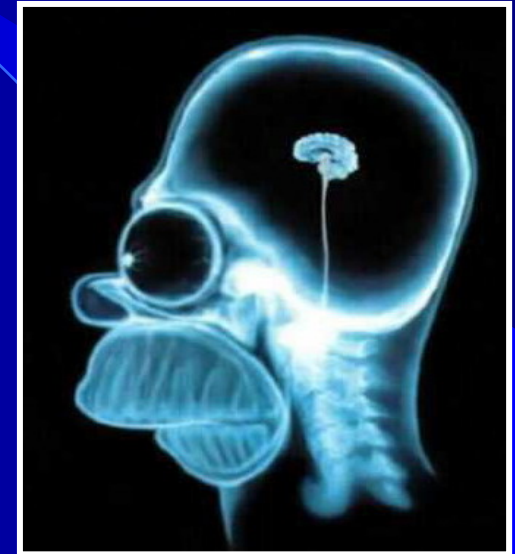
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« **preventive** » surgery

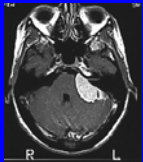
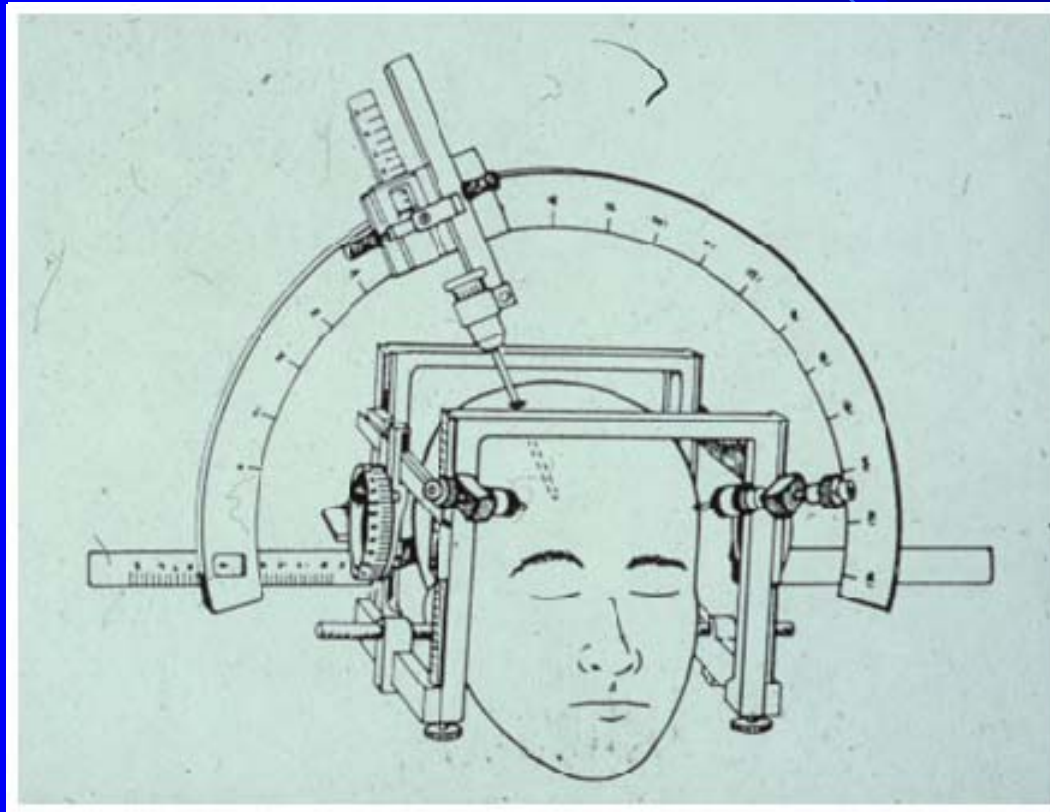


The challenges in neurosurgery

- To define the borders between tumour and brain
- Localize risks and functional area
- Confirmed the quality of resection
- To free from anatomical changes during surgery (brain shift)
- To have the better accuracy as possible (stereotactic procedures)
- To have guide-tools (biopsy-needle, DBS electrode,...)



*Integration of pioneers' Brain stereotactic atlases
in softwares.*





Steps of a navigated procedure

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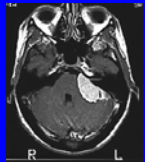
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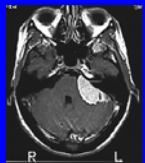
Neurosurgical Department

Operative Planning

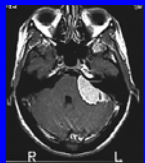
Operating Room

(Operative Planning)
Mapping
Image Guided Surgery
Microscope with Robotic arm

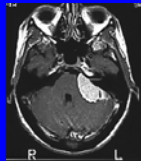
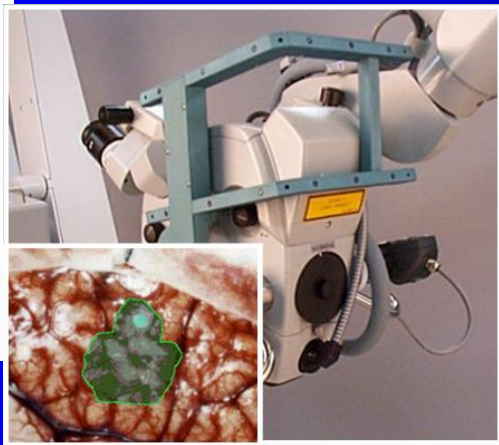
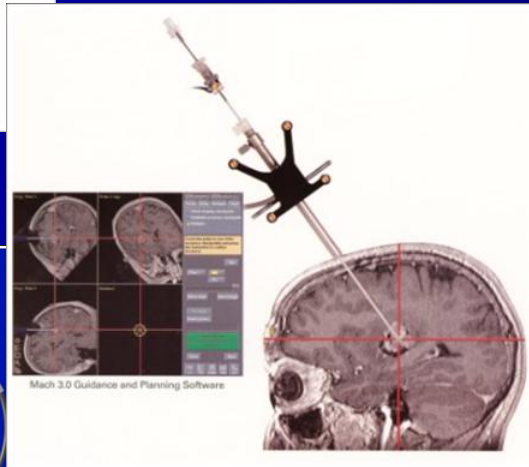
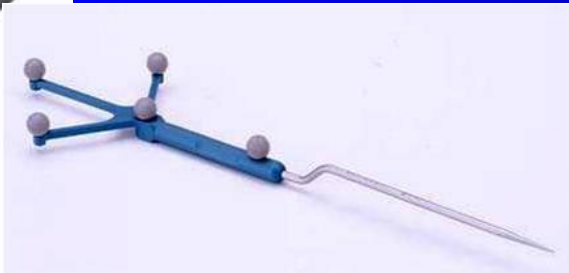




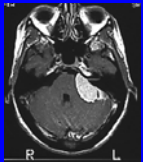
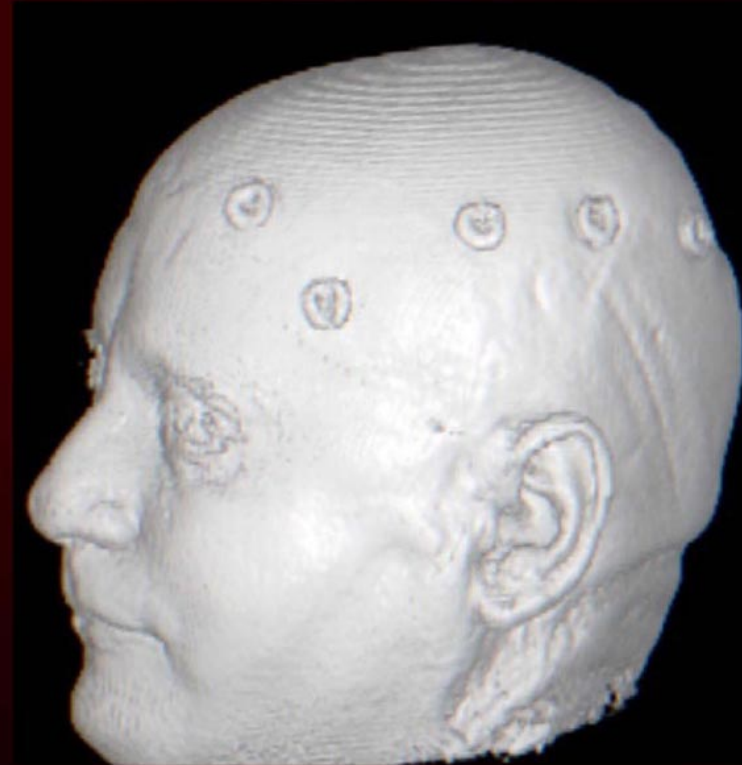
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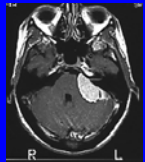
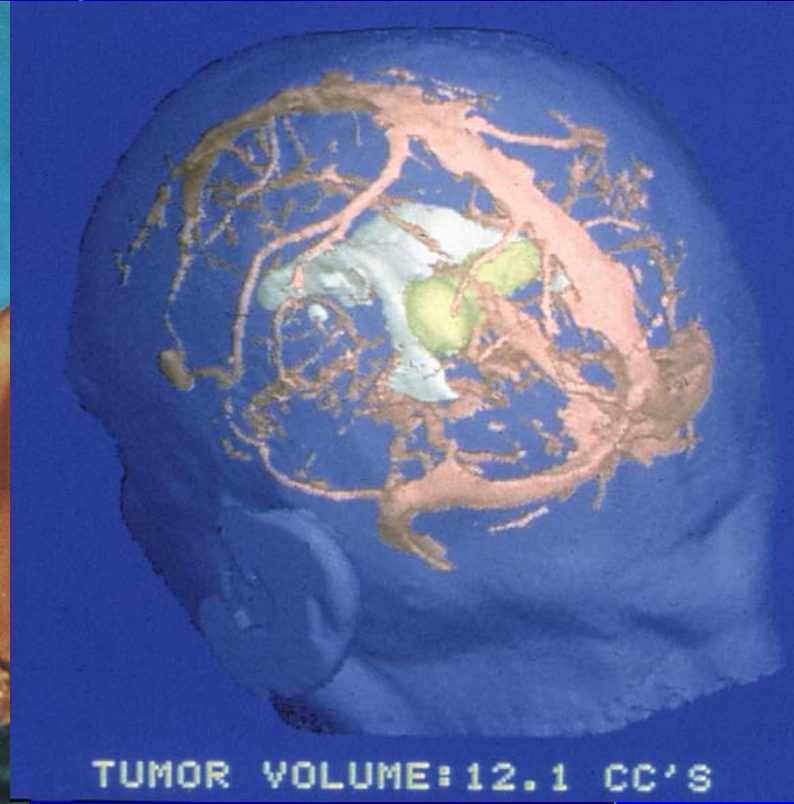
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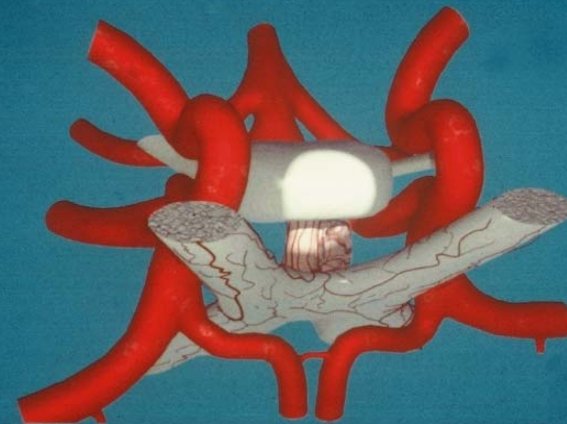
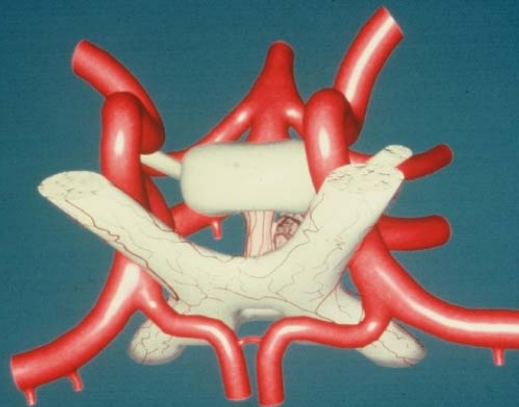
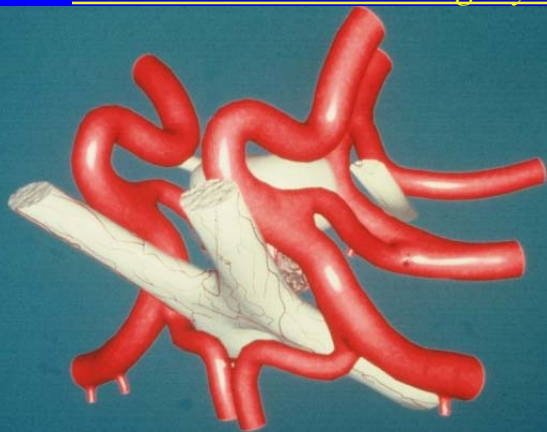


Fiducials for mapping

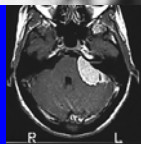
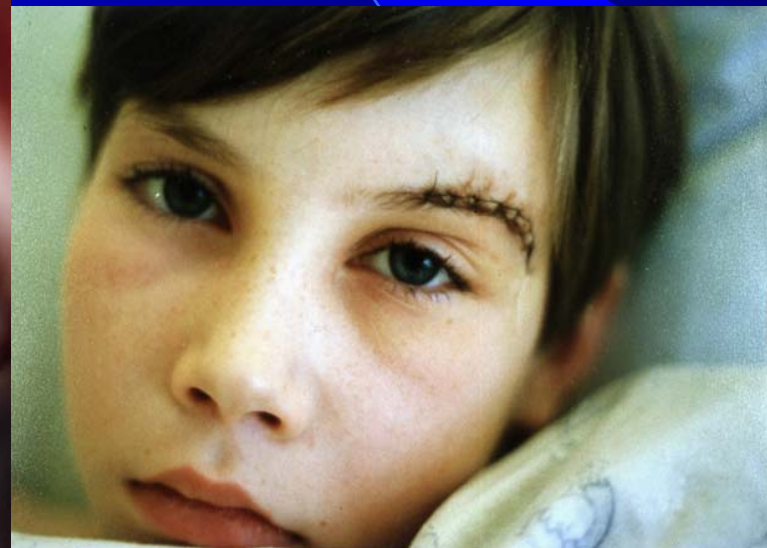
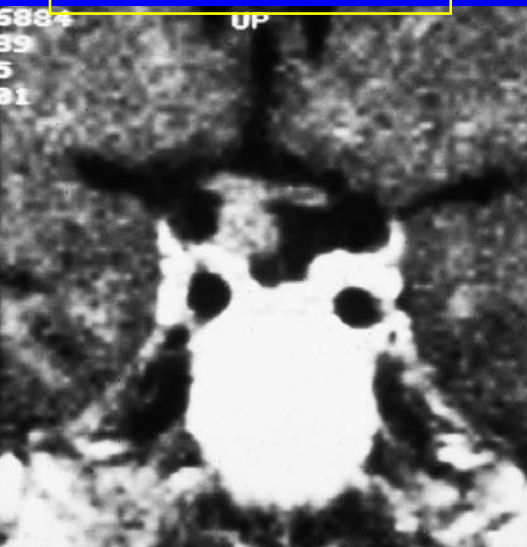


The revolution around Neurosurgery: Neuroimaging





Planning



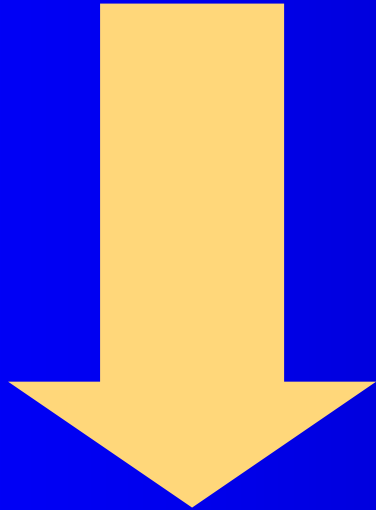
Planning

Aim: find anatomically preformed spaces on the way to the pathology by preoperative Imaging:

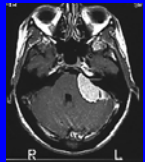
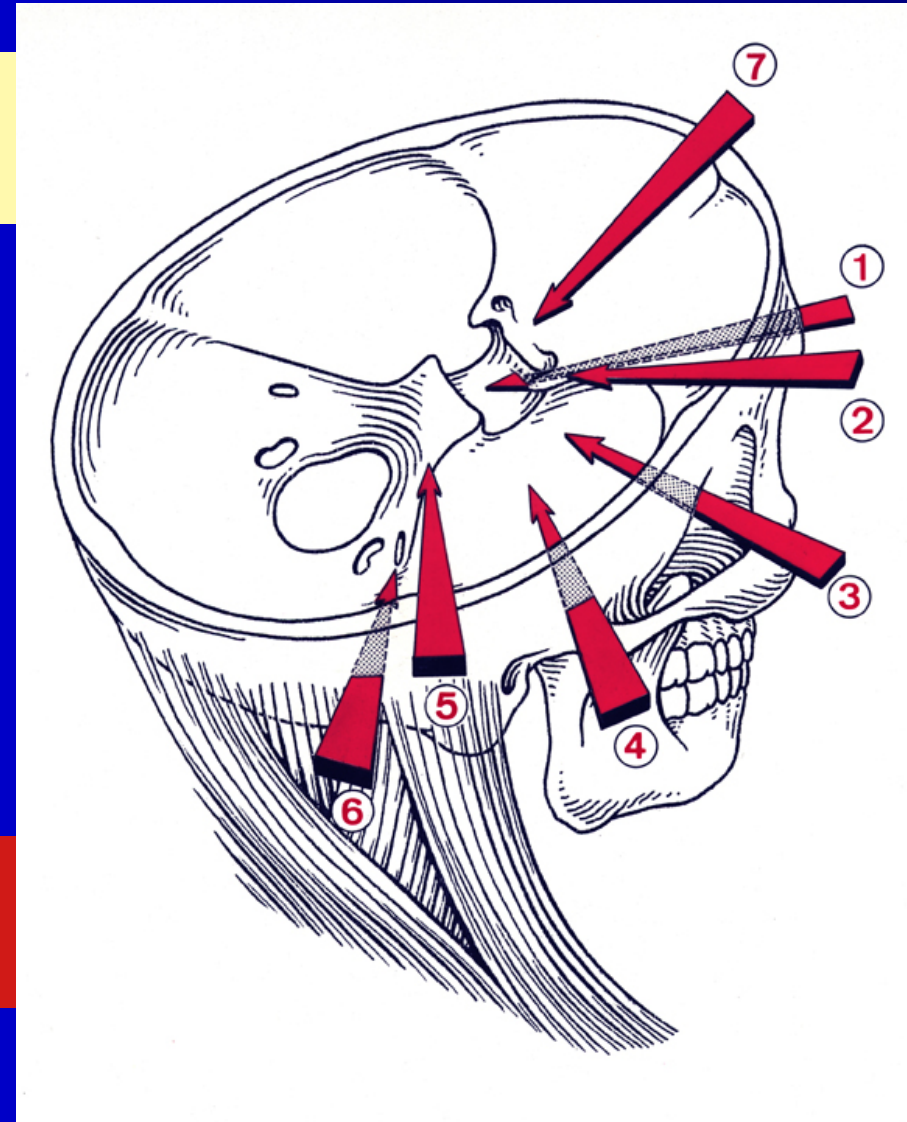
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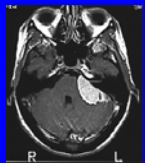
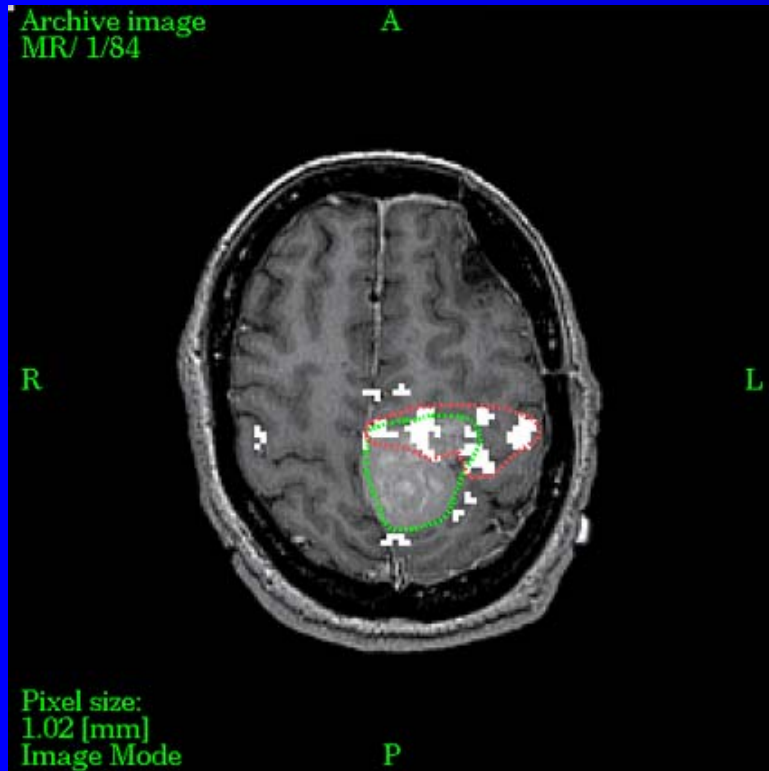
INDIVIDUAL ANATOMY



INDIVIDUAL APPROACH

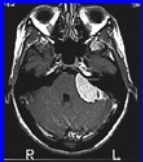


Operative Planning

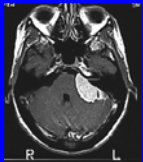
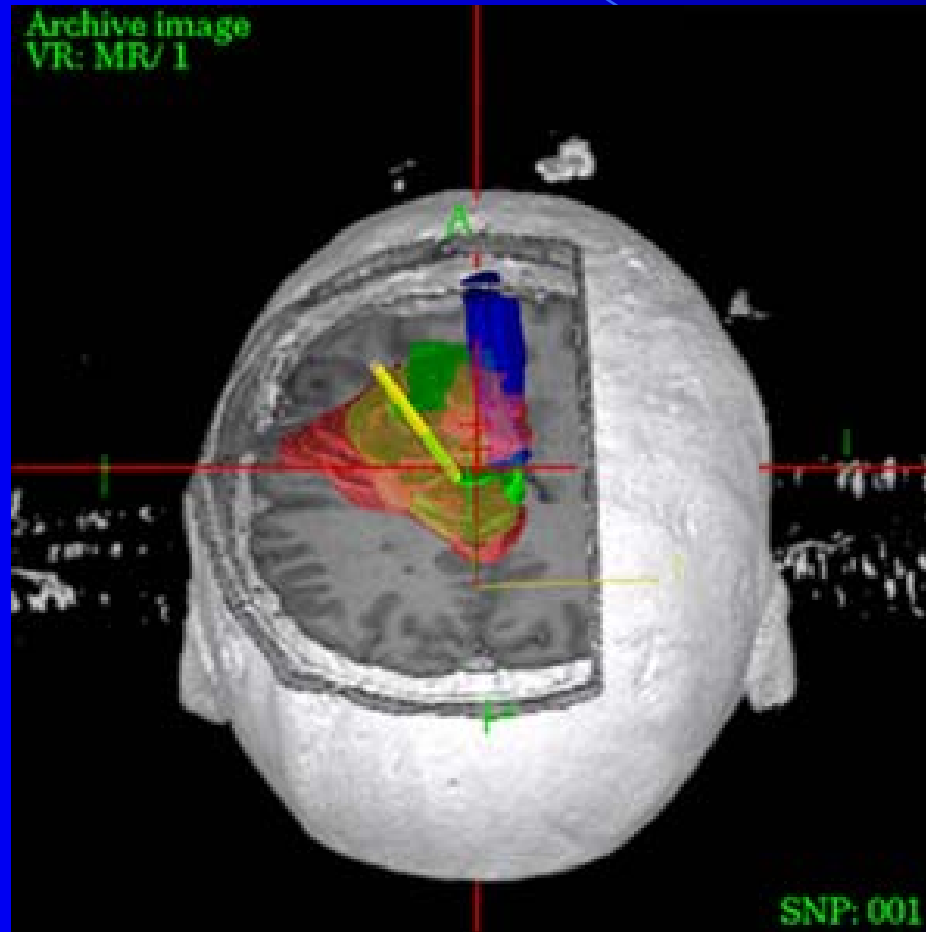


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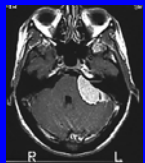
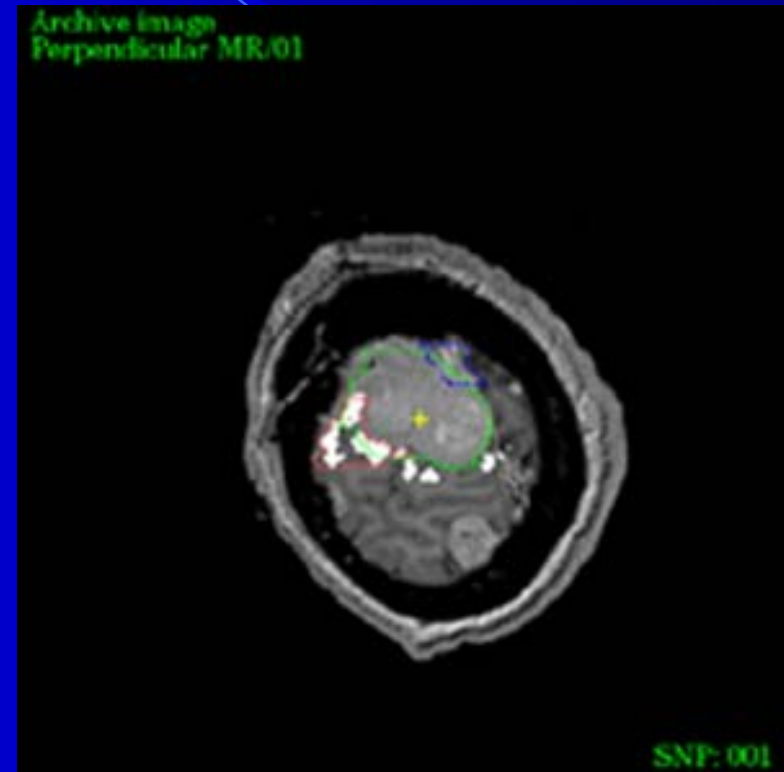
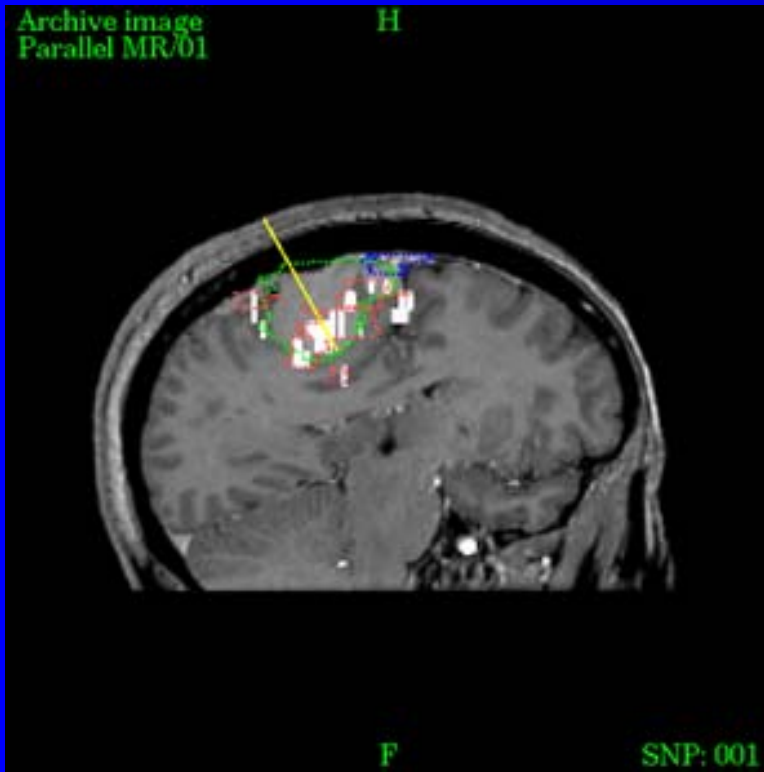
- Images fusion (fMRI, Brain scintigraphy, MRI, Pet-scan, CT-Scan, MRA, DTI sequences,...)
- Definition of tumour borders, risks areas, functional areas,...
- Three-dimensional reconstruction,
- Definition of a trajectory,
- Simulation of surgical access in different plans



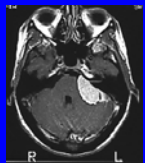
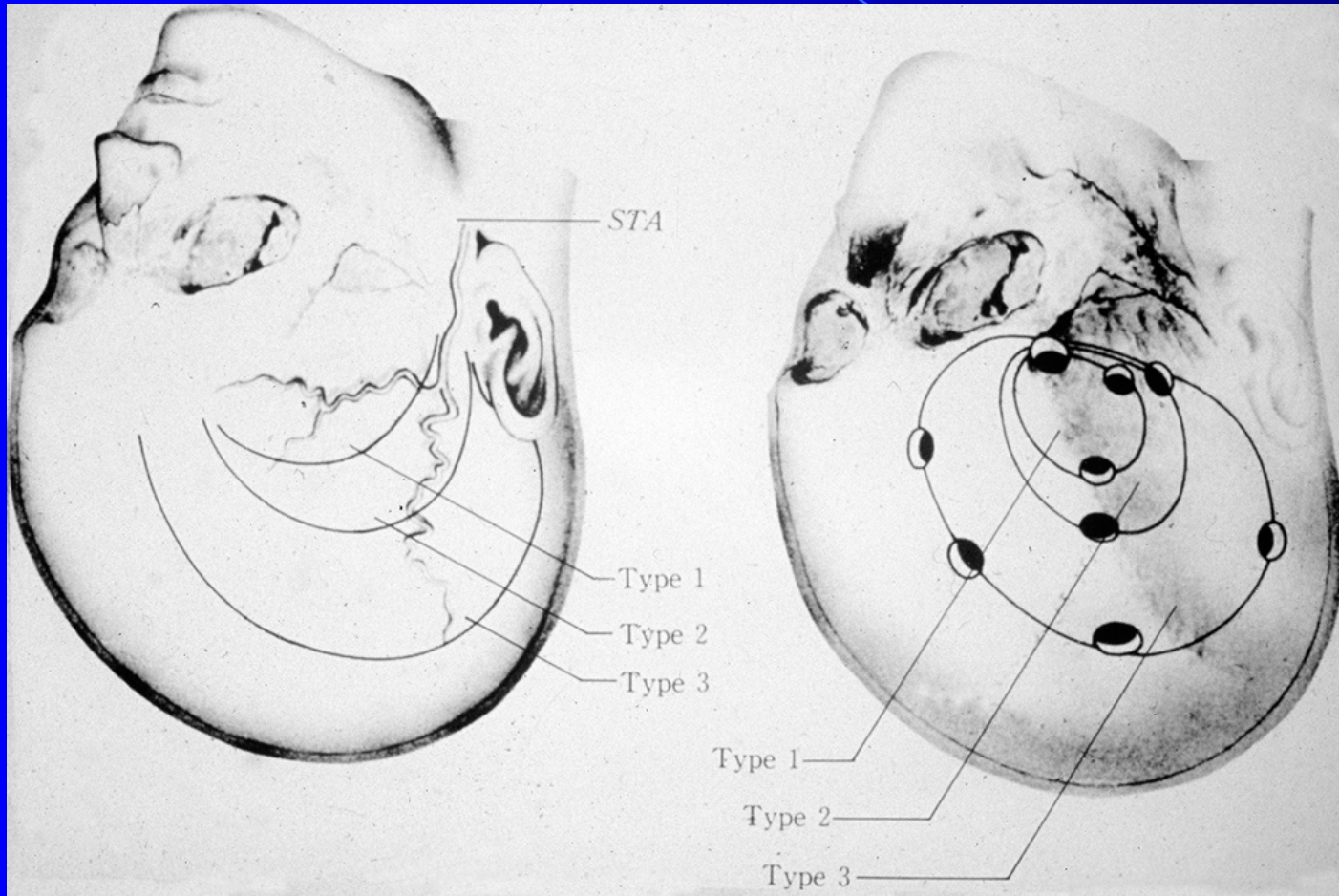
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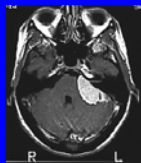


Operative Planning



Size of craniotomy: just what is needed

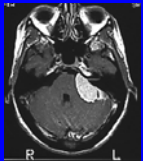




Volumes mapping

« Patient head » and « MRI volume »

Now: surface mapping with pointer

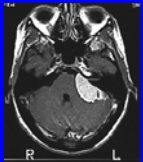


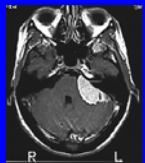
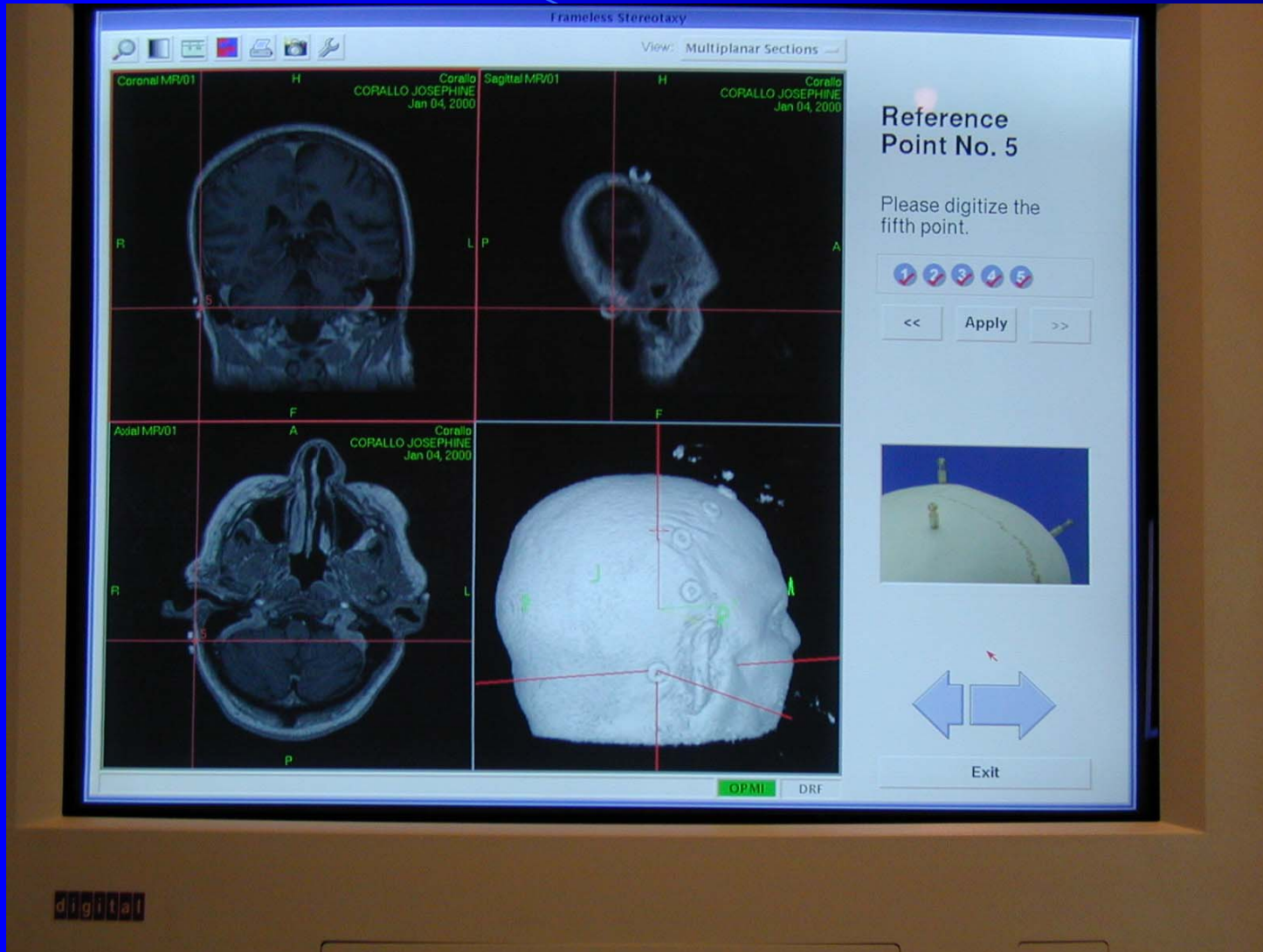


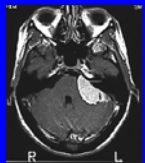
Mapping

- surface mapping
- optical(laser) on microscope
- Infra-red ou Electromagnetic

Notion of accuracy of correlation







Concept of Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery



PRIMUM NON NOCERE
("Firstly, do not harm the patient")

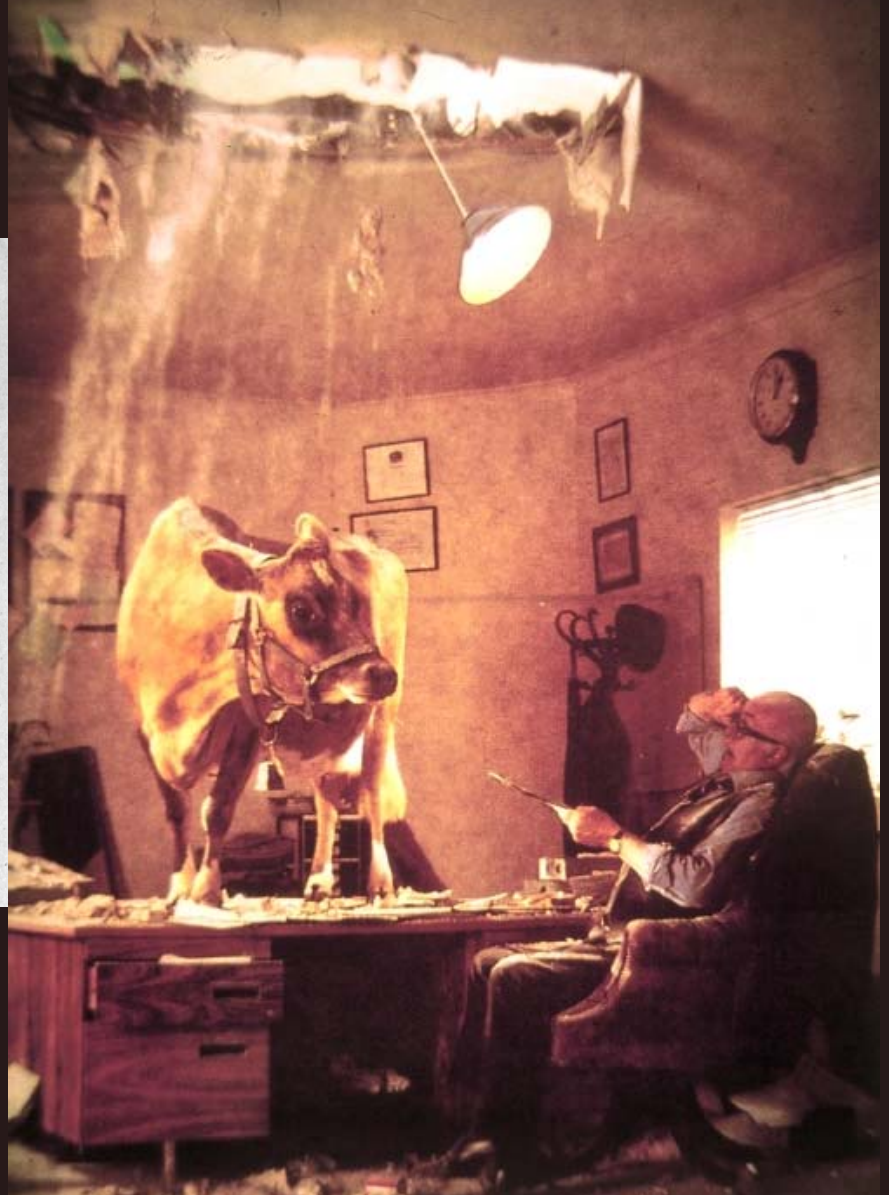
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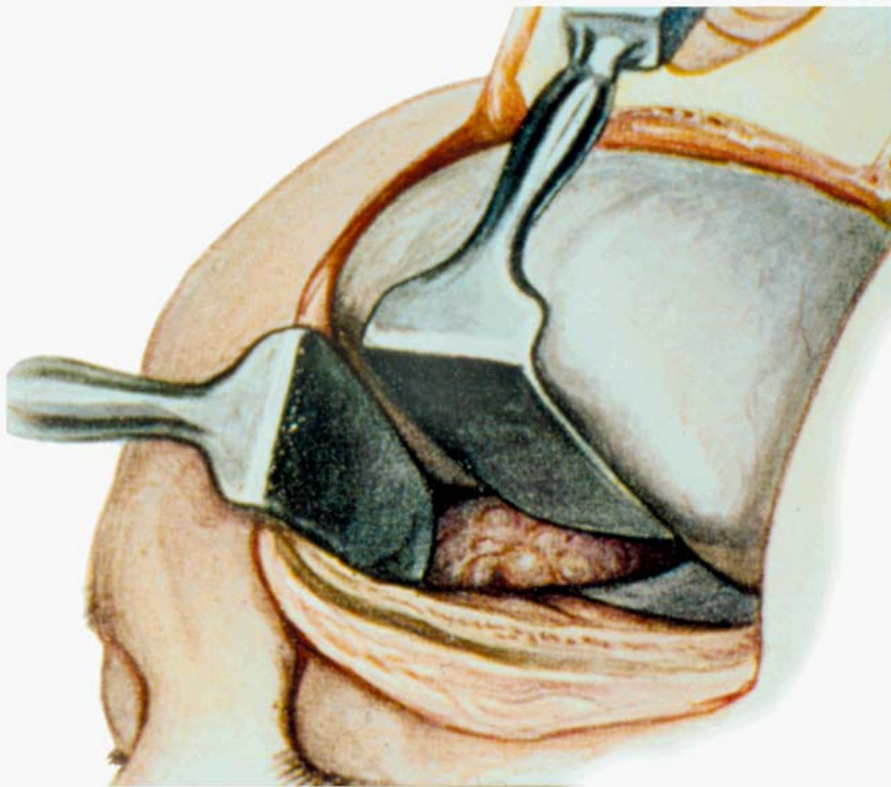
Definition of Minimally Invasive:



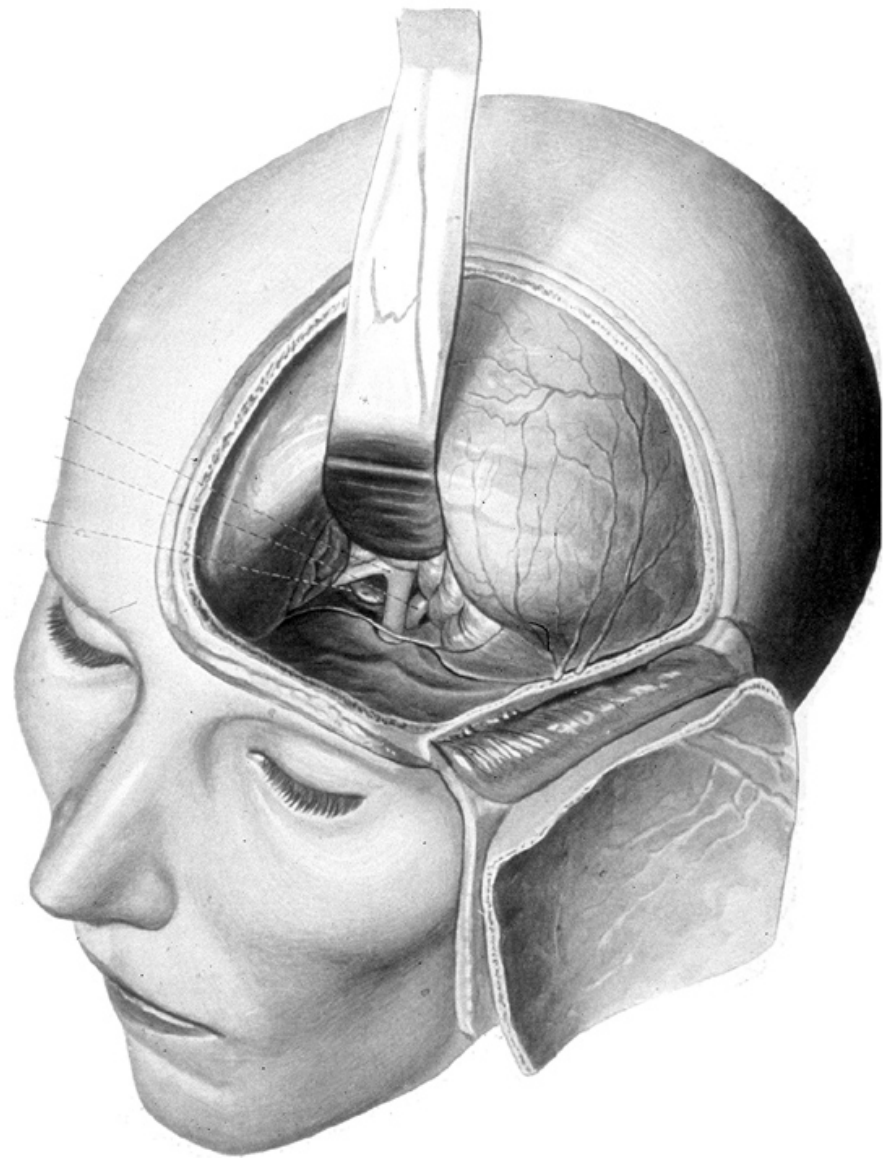
**The lowest medical traumatization
combined
with the highest therapeutic effect**

Doors and Windows



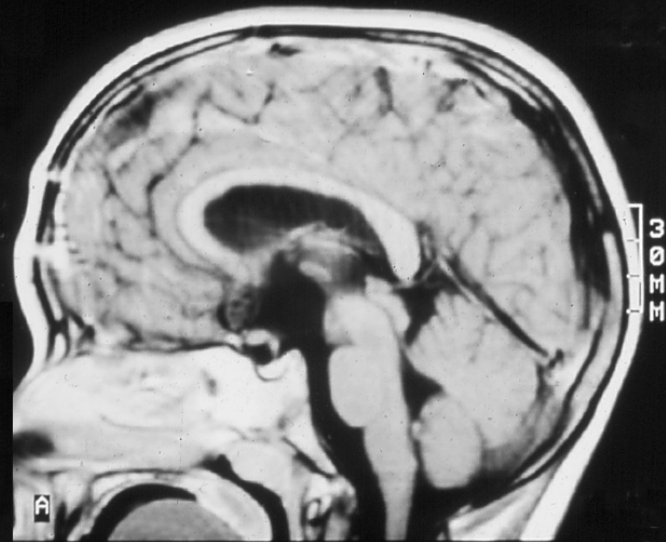
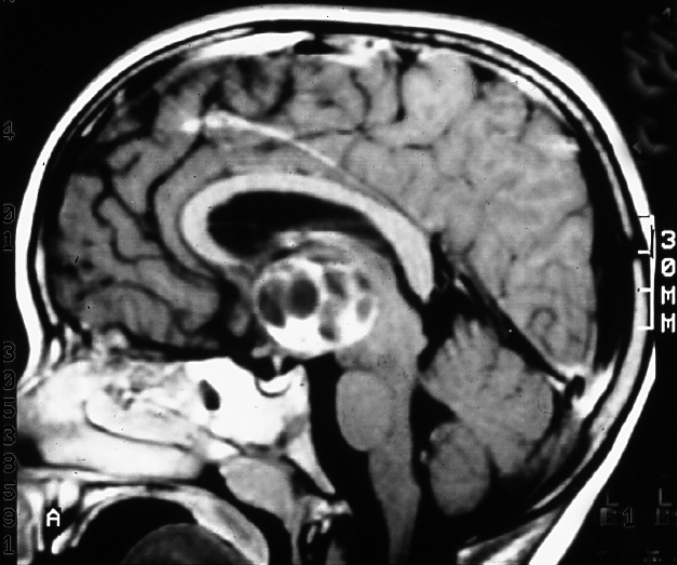


F. Krause (1908)



Tandler -Ranzi (1932)

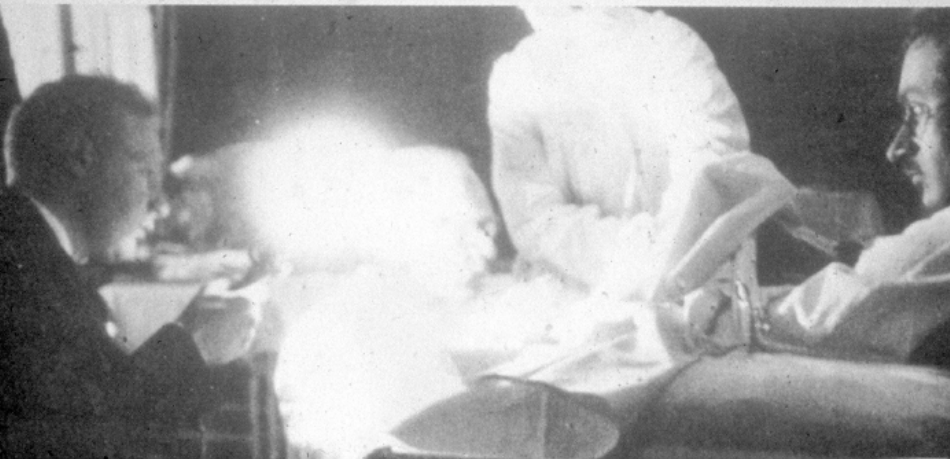
Craniopharyngioma Supraorbital Approach



Visualisation and Light

Neurosurgery in Darkness

by Paul C. Bucy



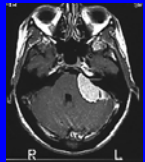
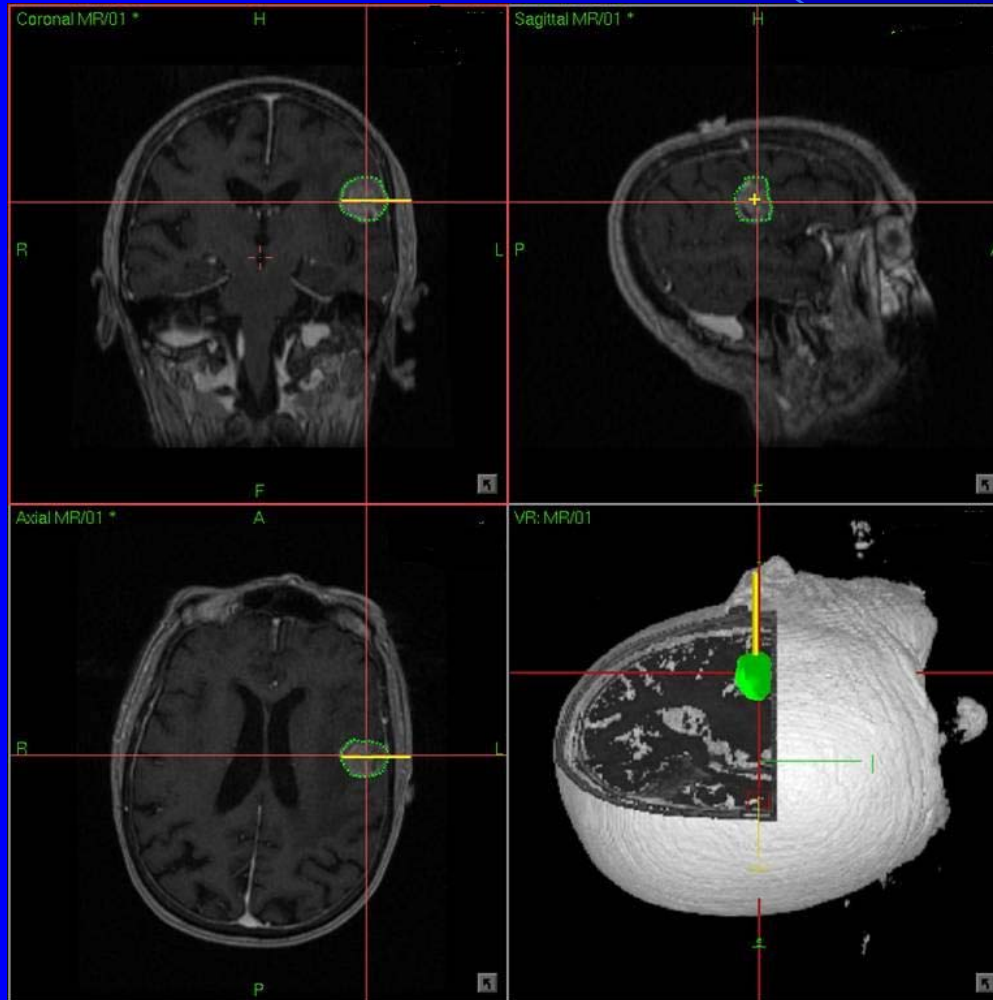
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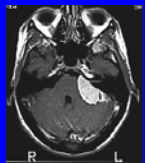
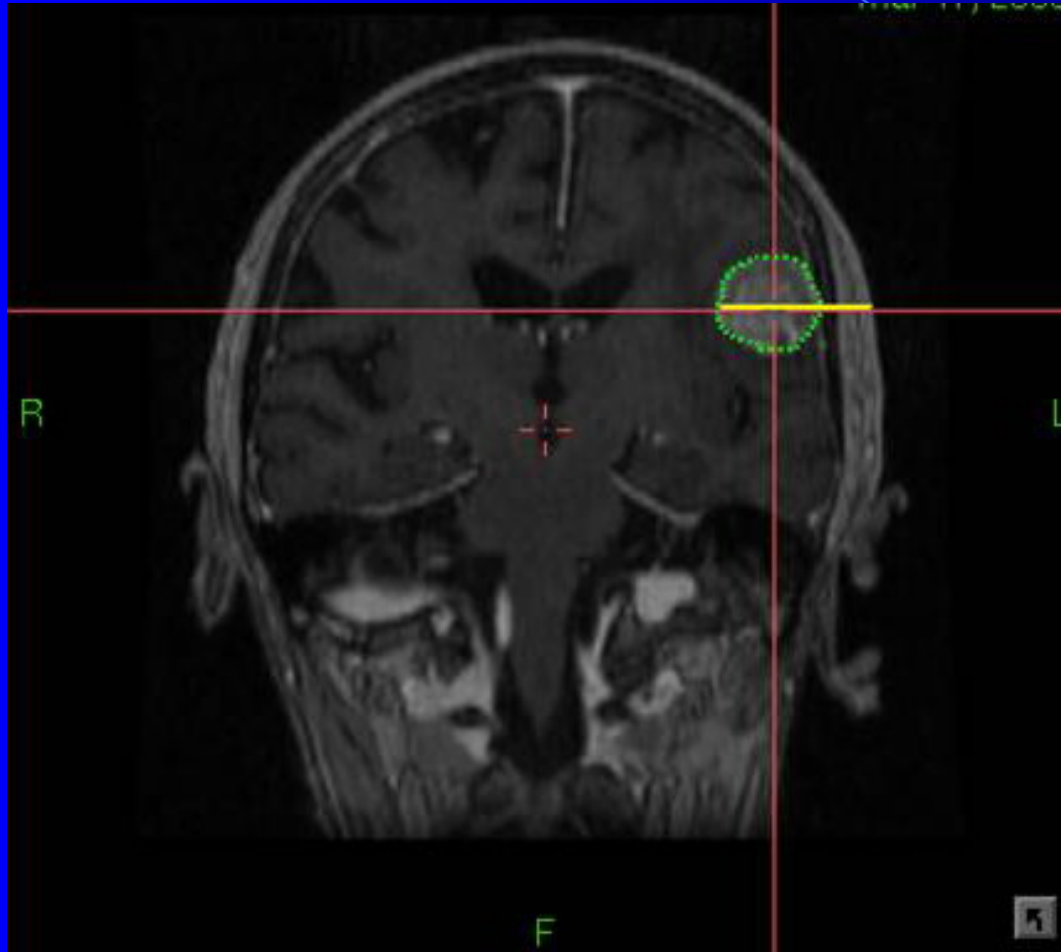


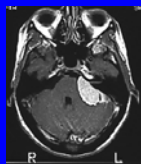
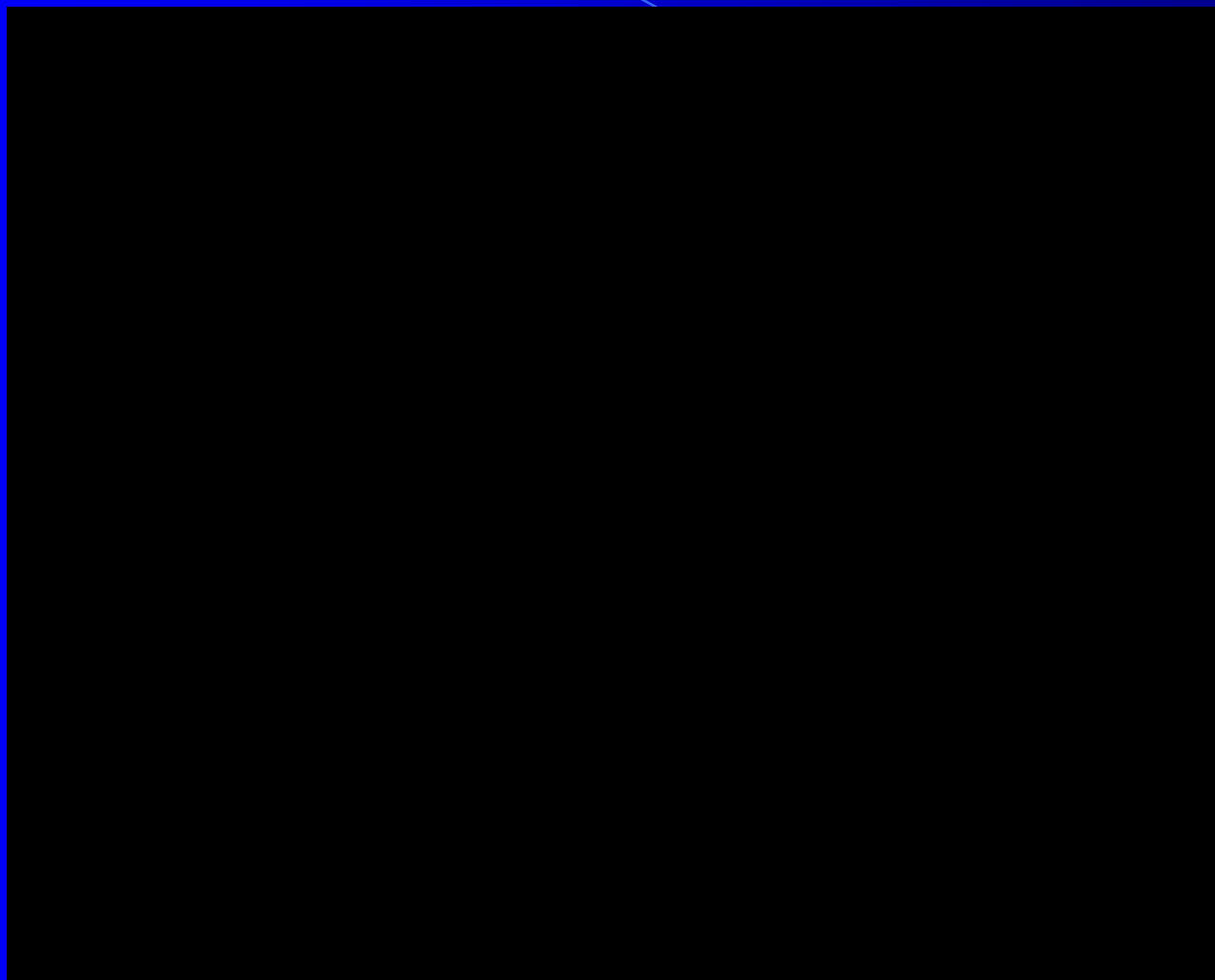
MKM: Microscope + Navigation + Robotic Arm

Frontal metastasis February 2001

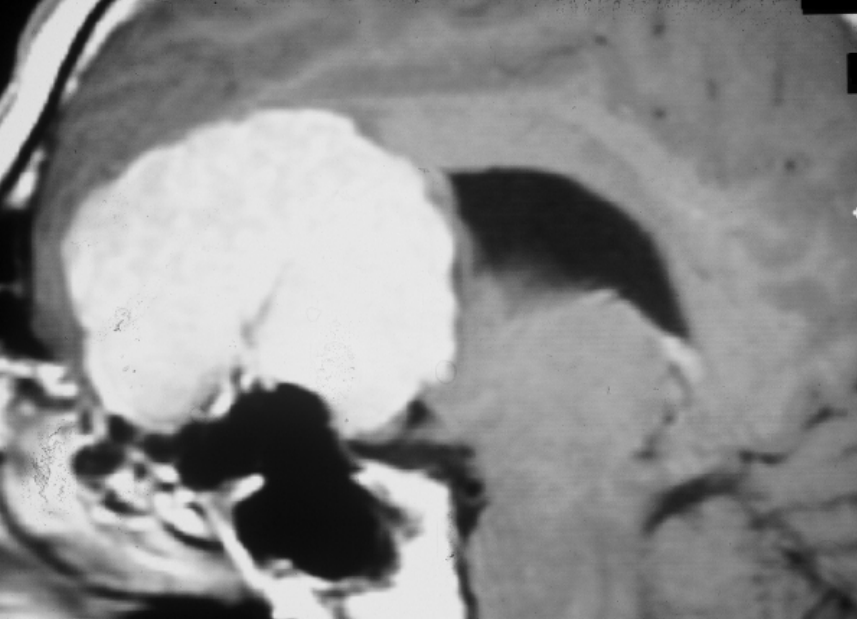
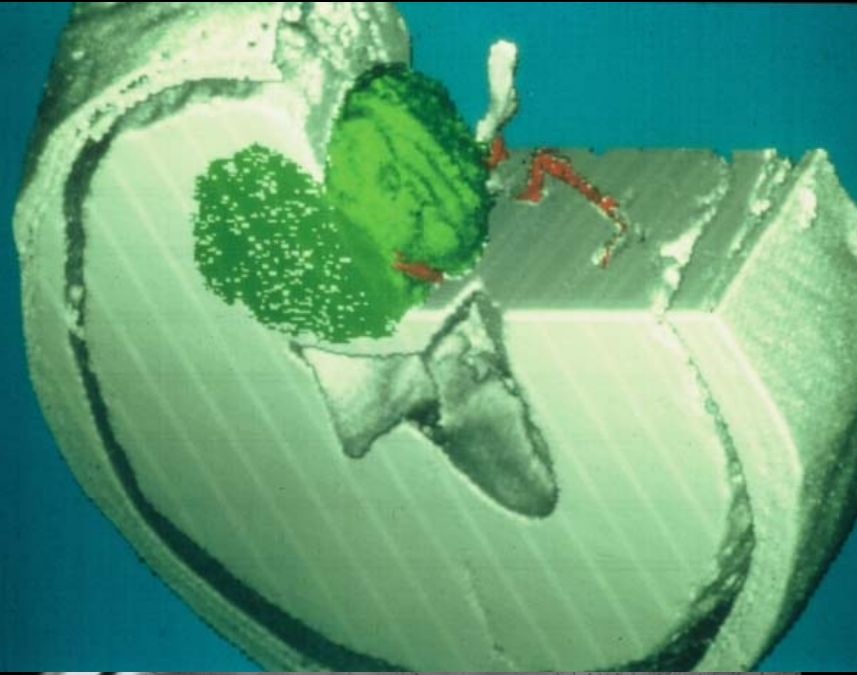


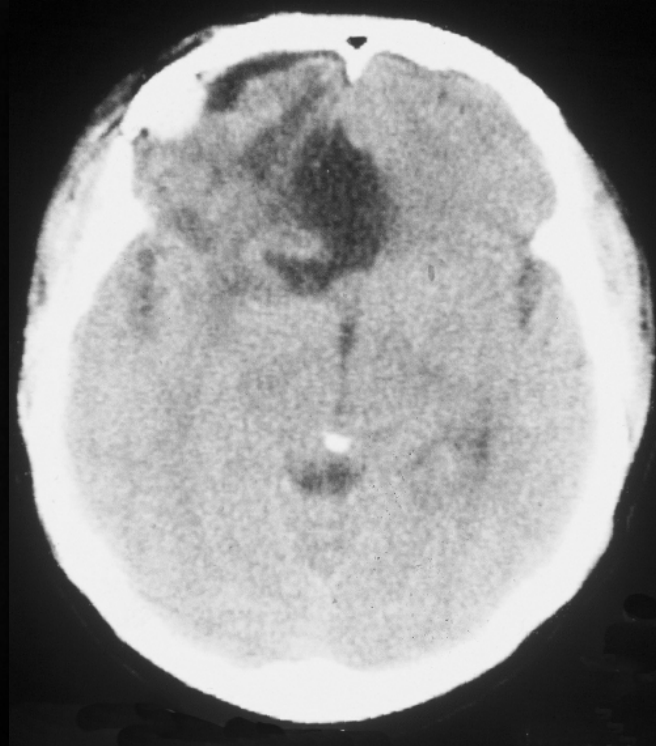
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Frontobasal meningioma

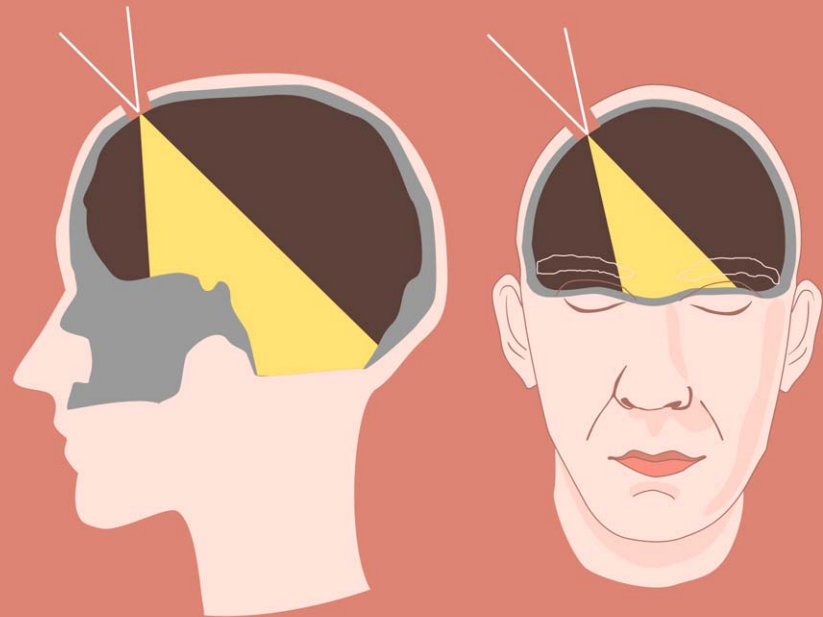
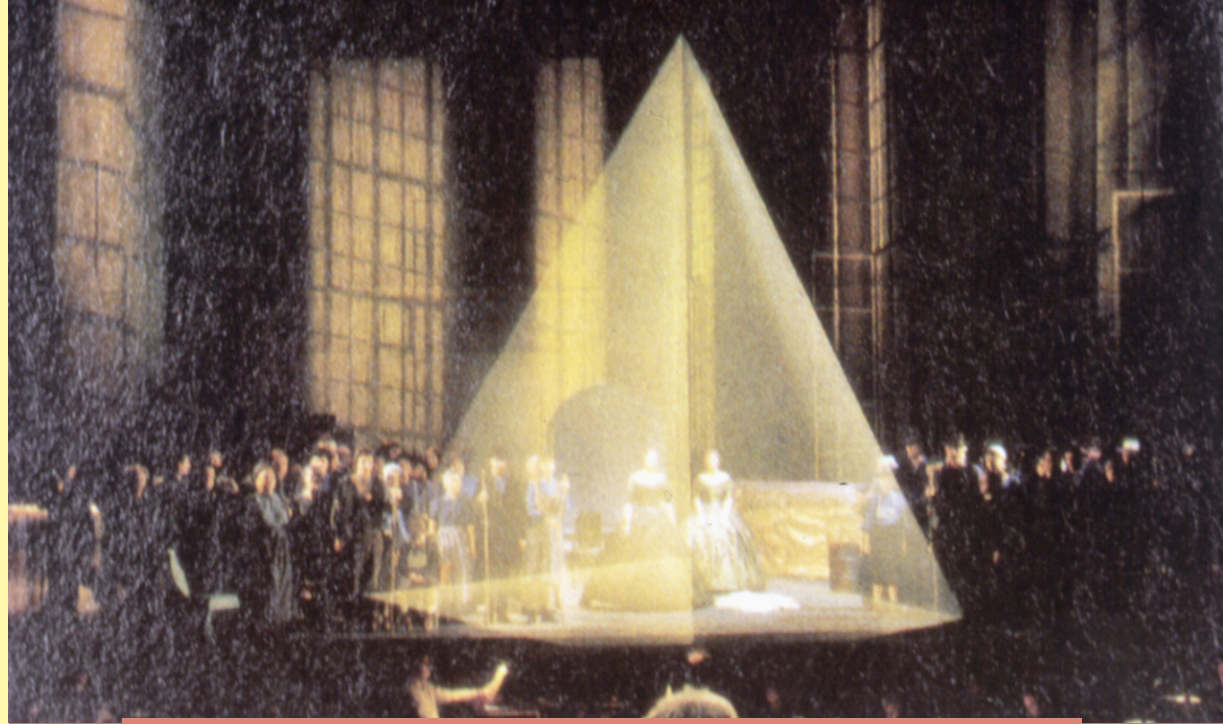


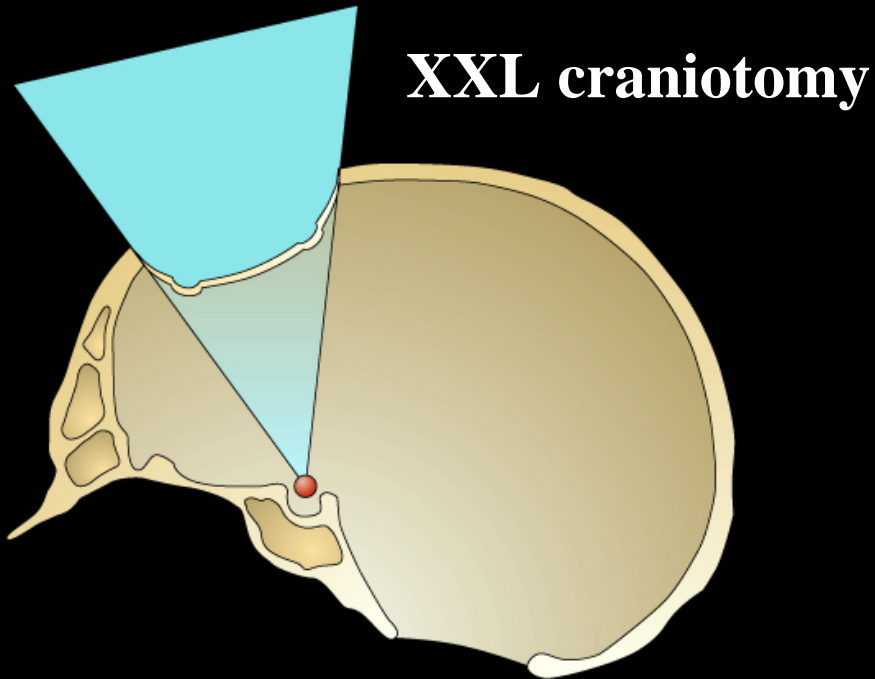




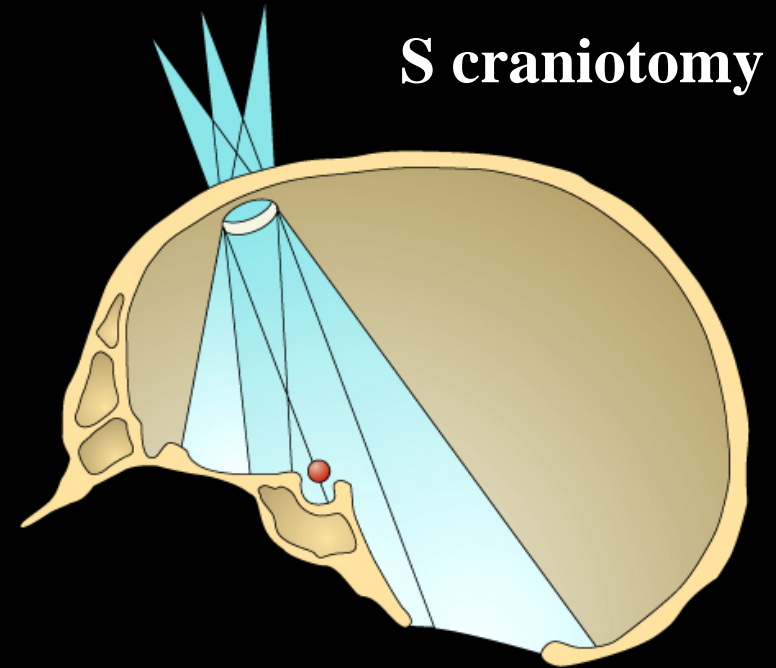
The Key-hole Concept in Neurosurgery

**Sector-like
widening
of the
visual field**





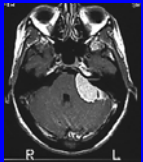
XXL craniotomy



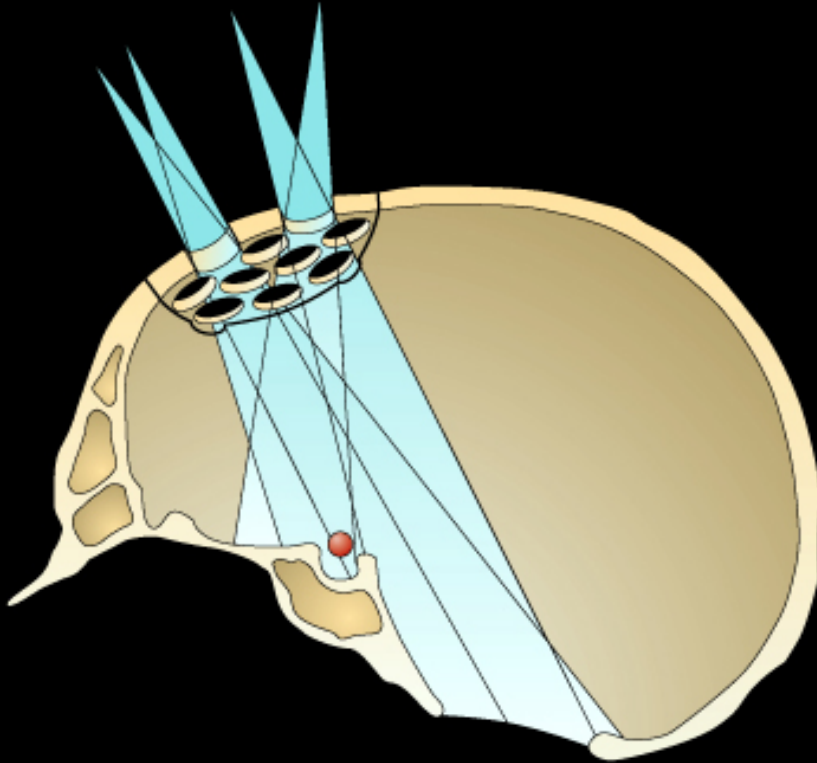
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old surgical concept

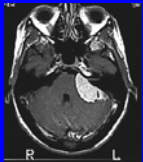
keyhole concept



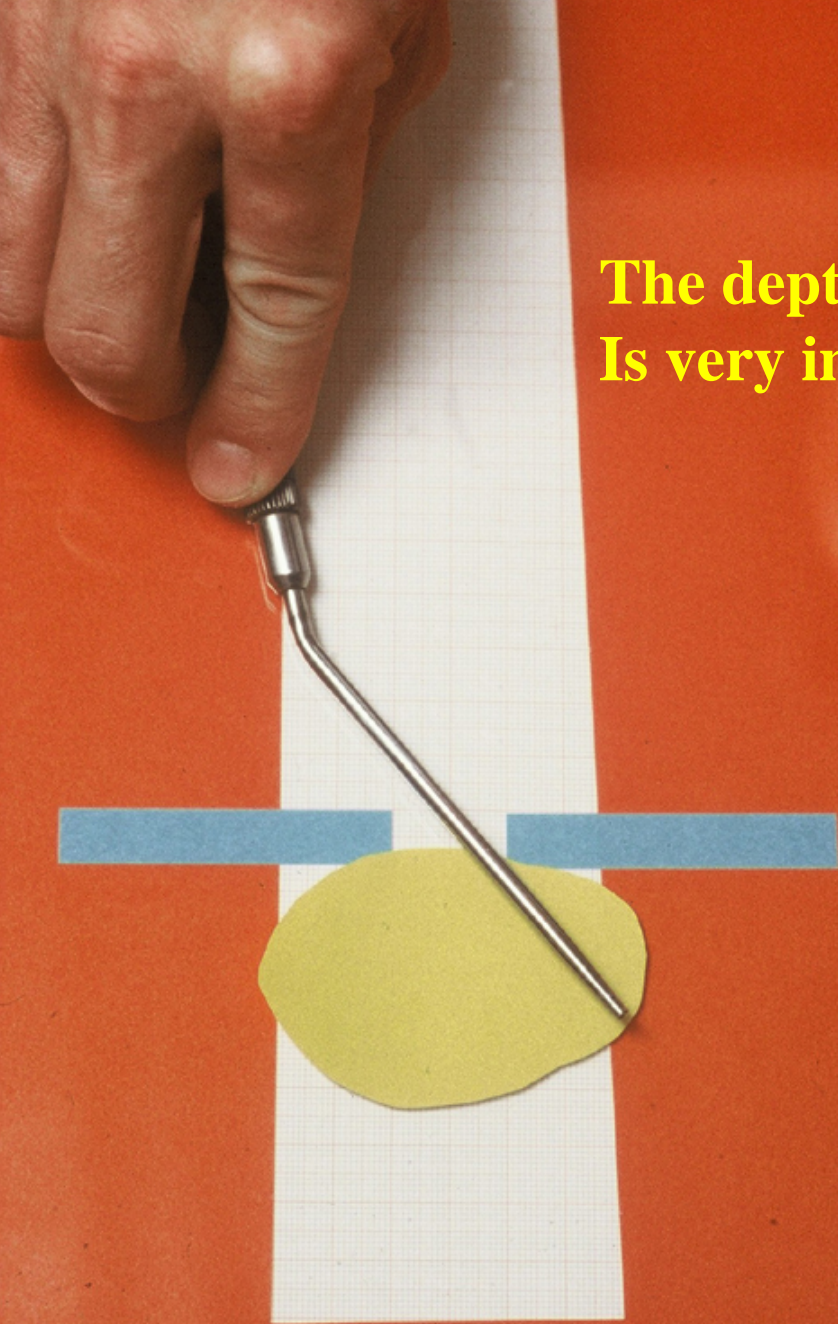
Standard approach = collection of keyhole approaches



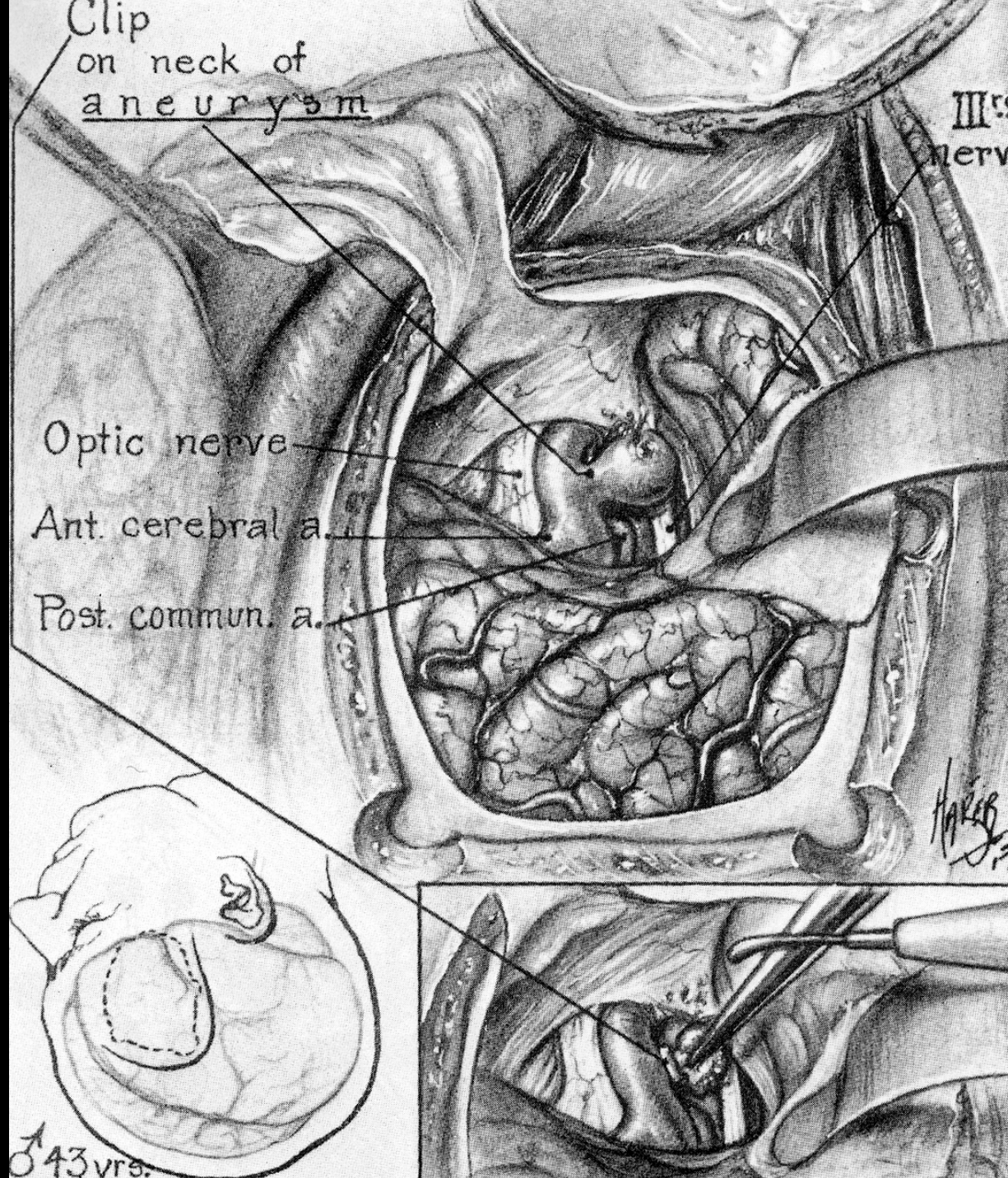
Individual choice of combination of keyholes according to the individual planning.



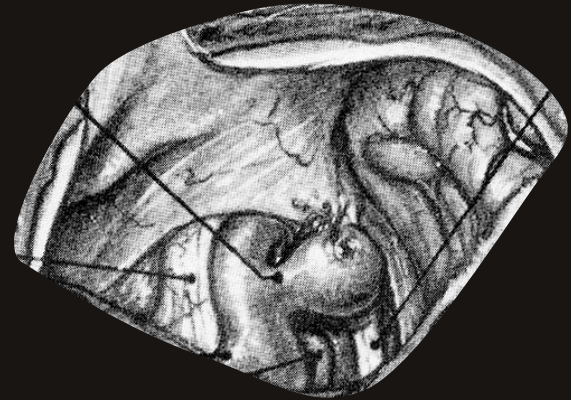
**The depth of the tumour
Is very important to consider**



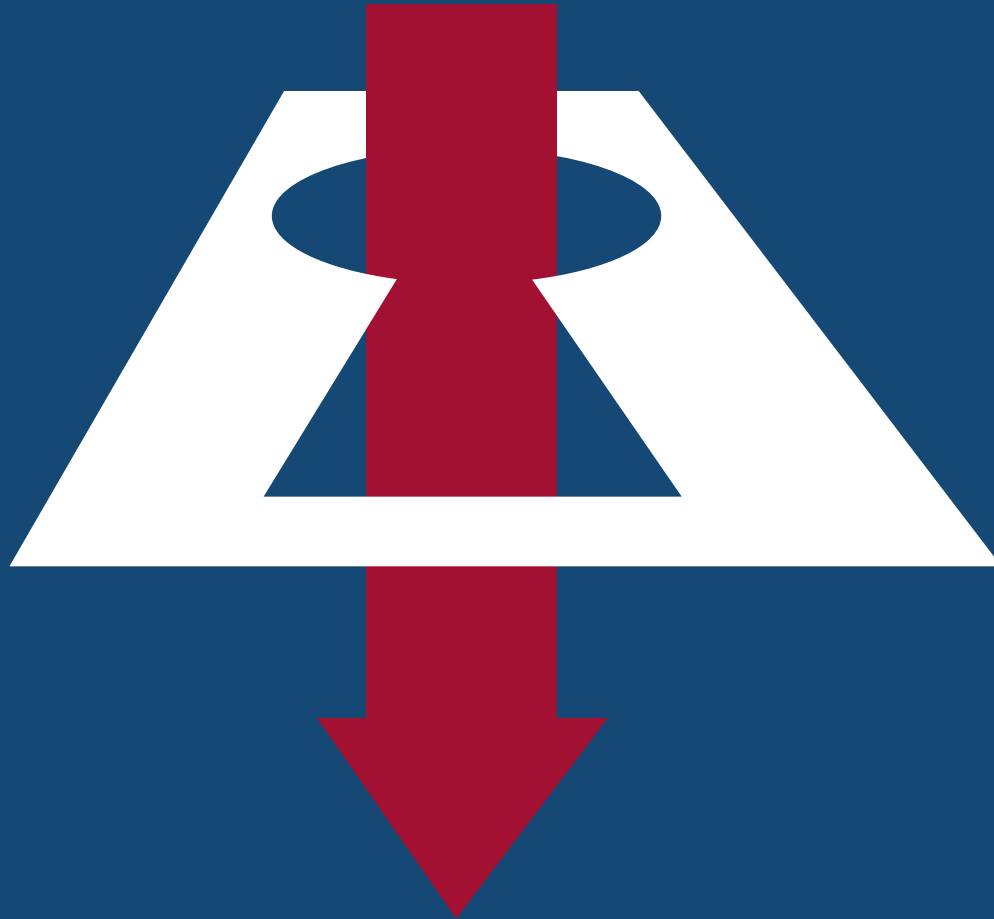
**Which part
was needed
for
the exposure?**



**Which part
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Key-hole

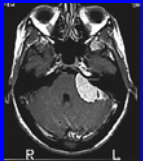


Contra lateral approaches



**Most important part
of keyhole surgery**

**Surgical-anatomical
PLANNING**



Macrosurgery

Microsurgery

**Key-hole-
surgery**

Endoscopy

**development
of light and
visualisation**

+ Robotic

Neuroendoscopy new dimension

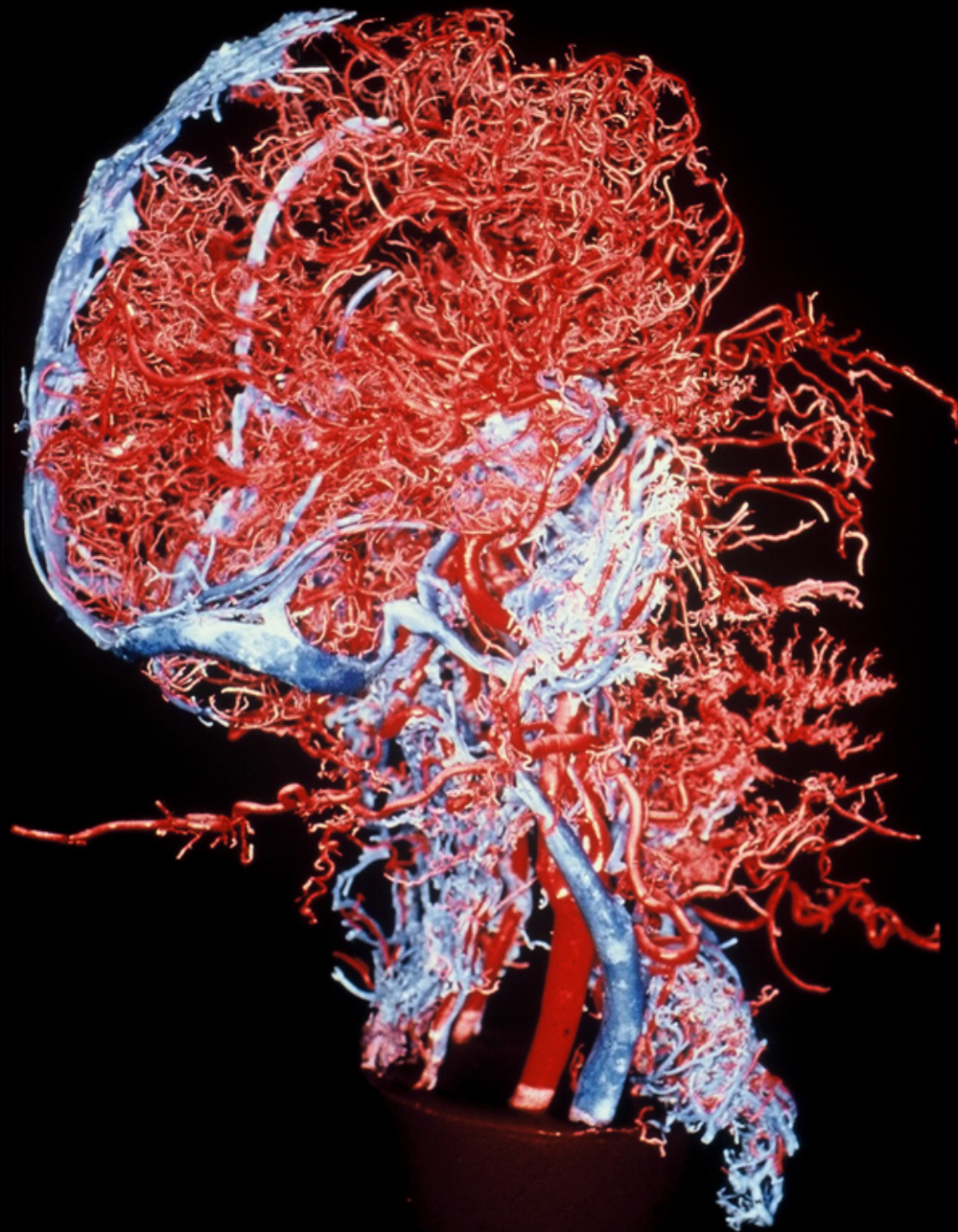


**Neuroendoscope
Can be hold
and guided
In the trajectory
By robot.**

New topographic anatomy

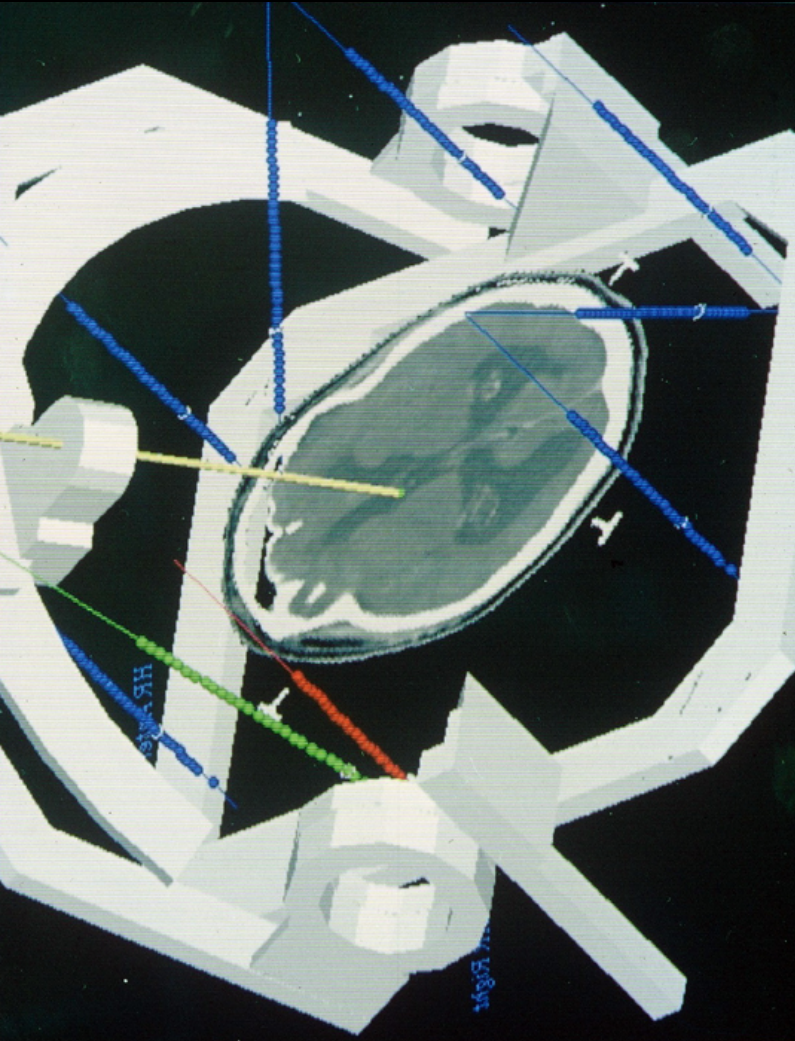


Approach the sick tree without touching the healthy one



our forest

Neuronavigation





„real navigation“ needs „real time imaging“

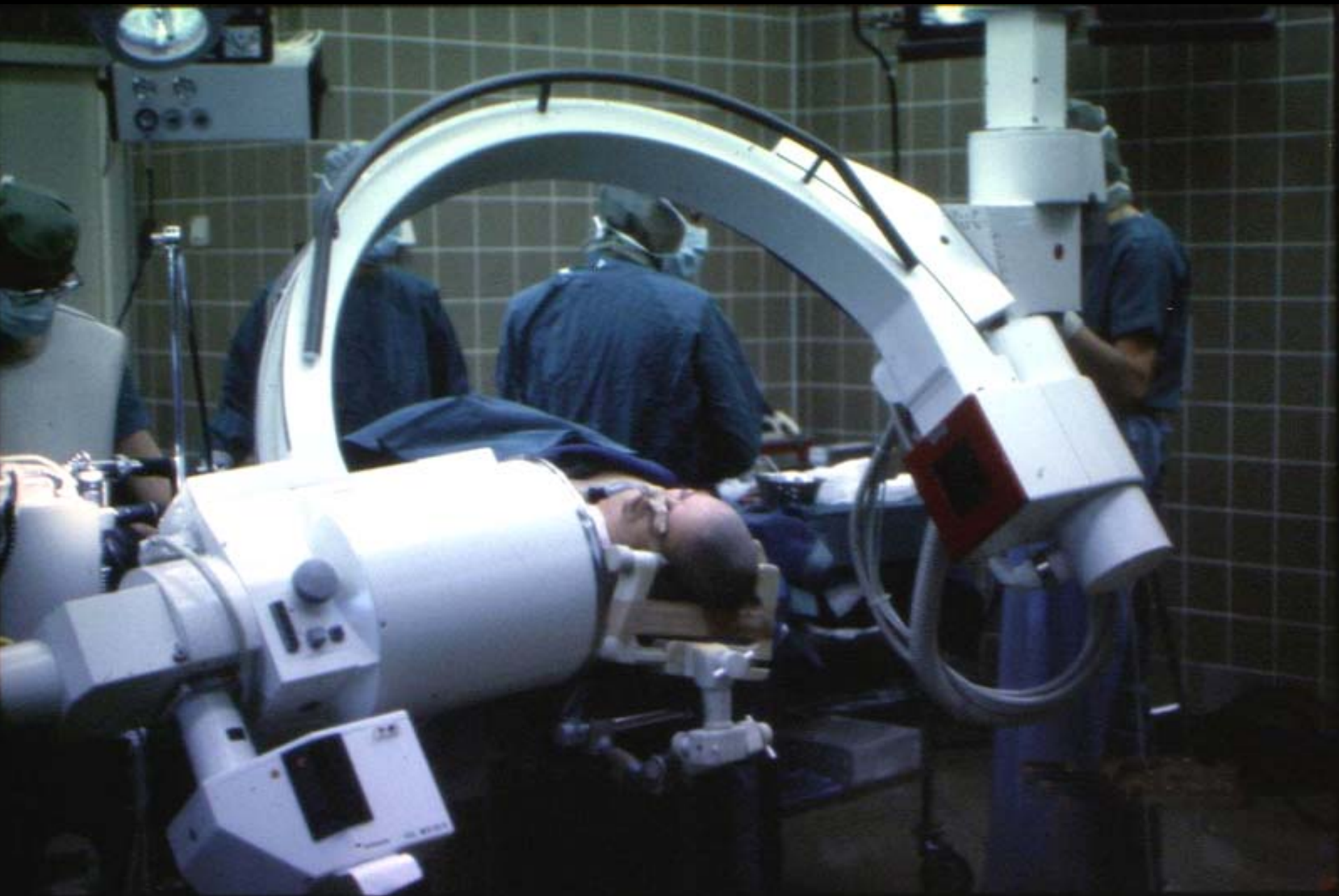
Intraoperative imaging

- fluoroscopy
 - ultrasound
 - CT
 - MR
- } real time imaging

Intraoperative Imaging

X-ray

- simple
- no special construction needed
- traditional, standard
- everywhere possible
- real time imaging
- contrast medium: intra-operative angiography
- mobile: intra-operative cavity presentation
- navigation, traditional stereotaxy

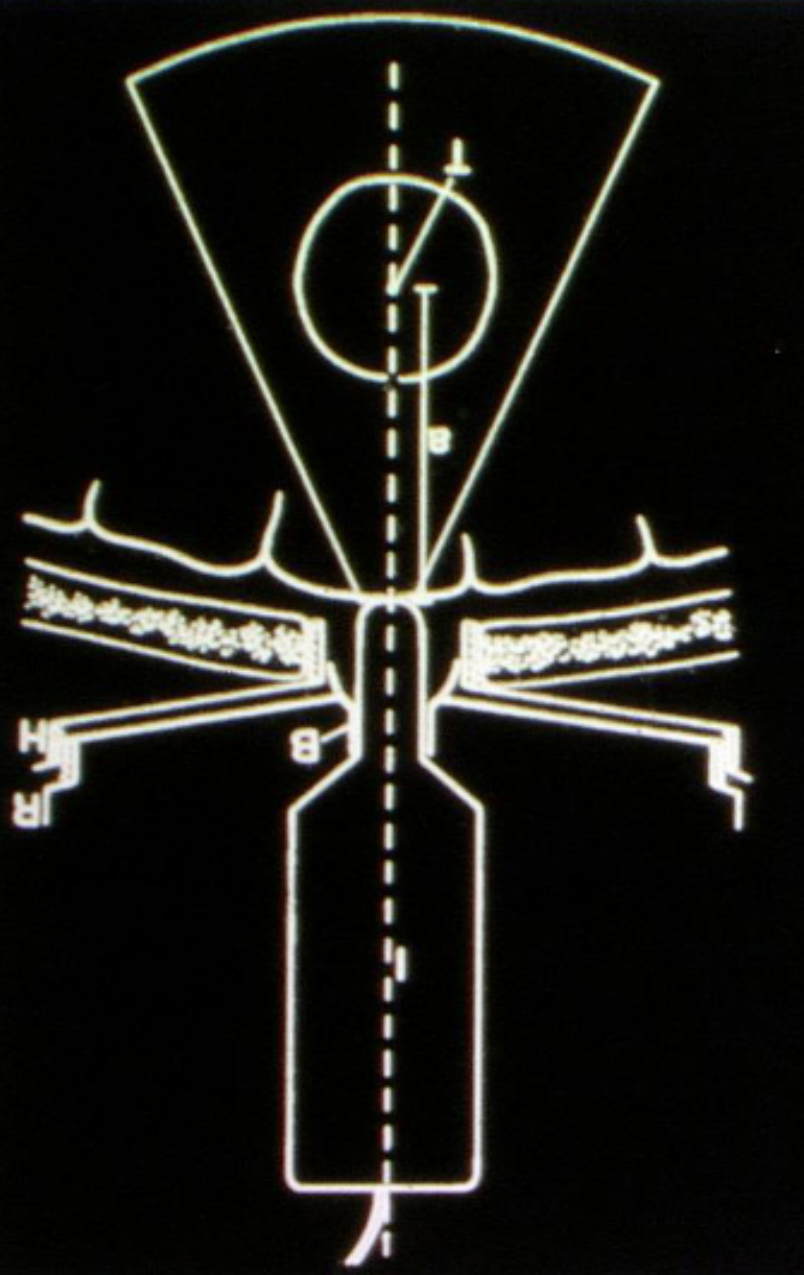


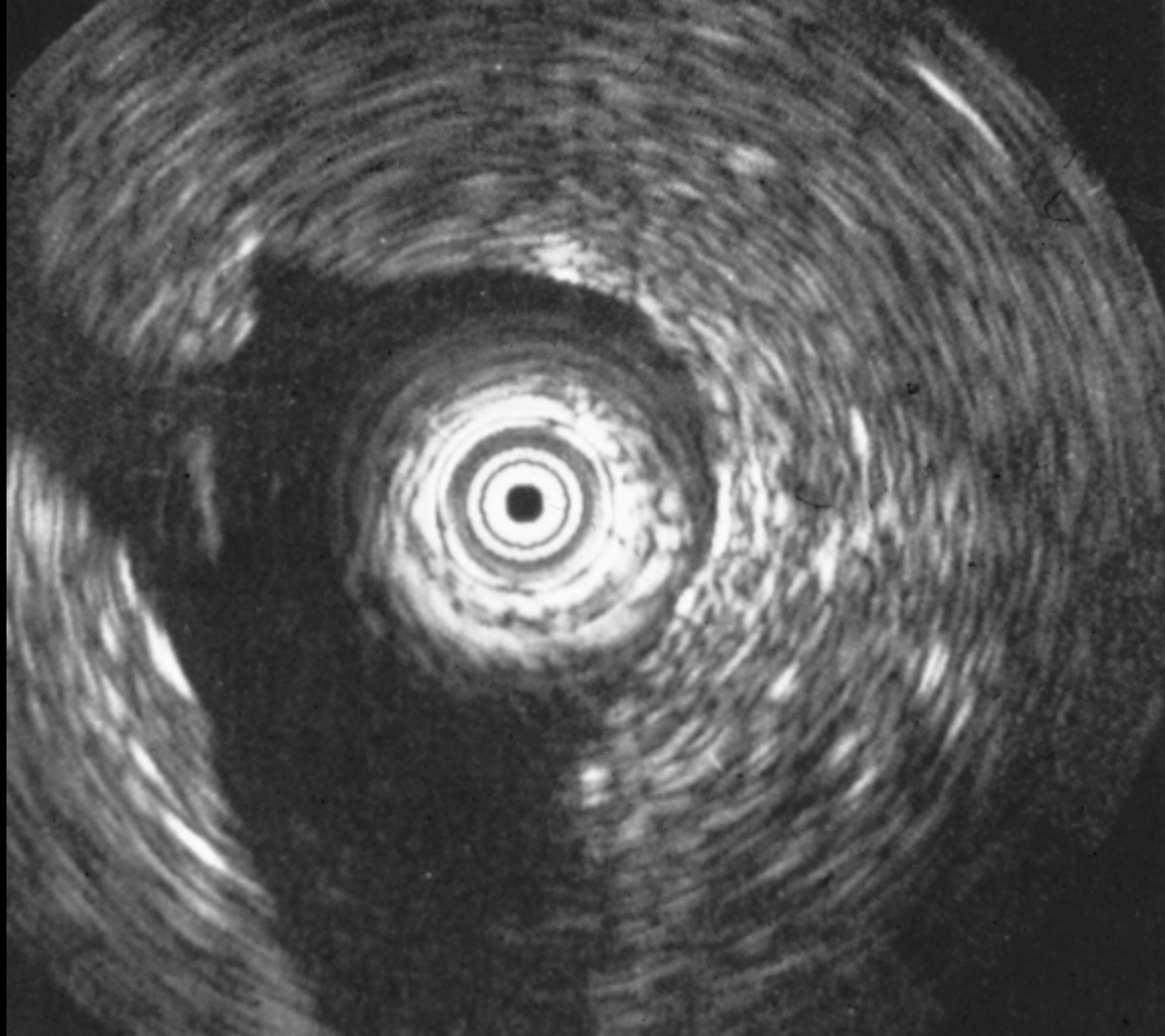


Intra-operative Imaging

Ultrasound

- simple
- everywhere possible
- no special construction needed
- Doppler
- 3-D imaging
- navigation
- mobile
- real time imaging





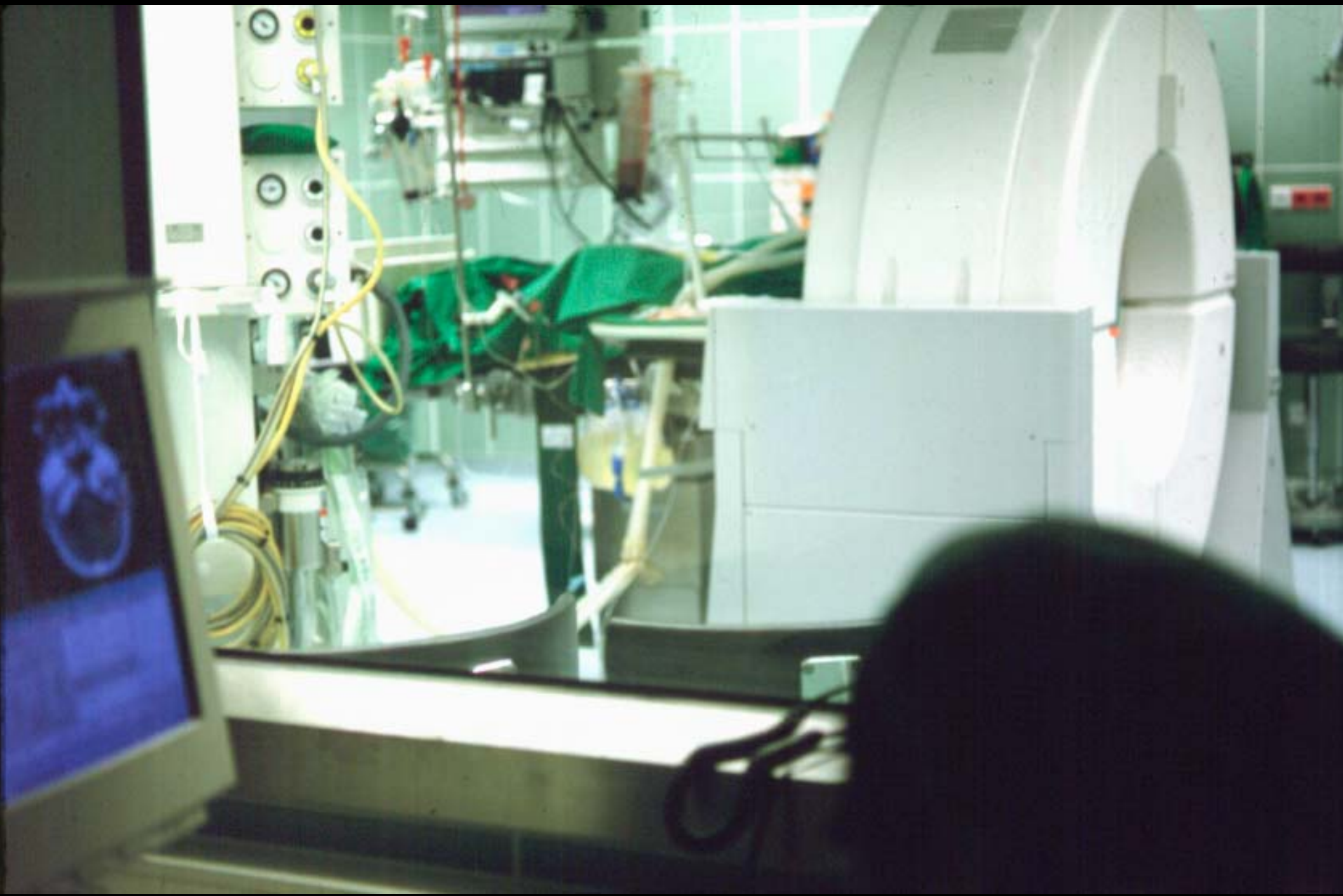
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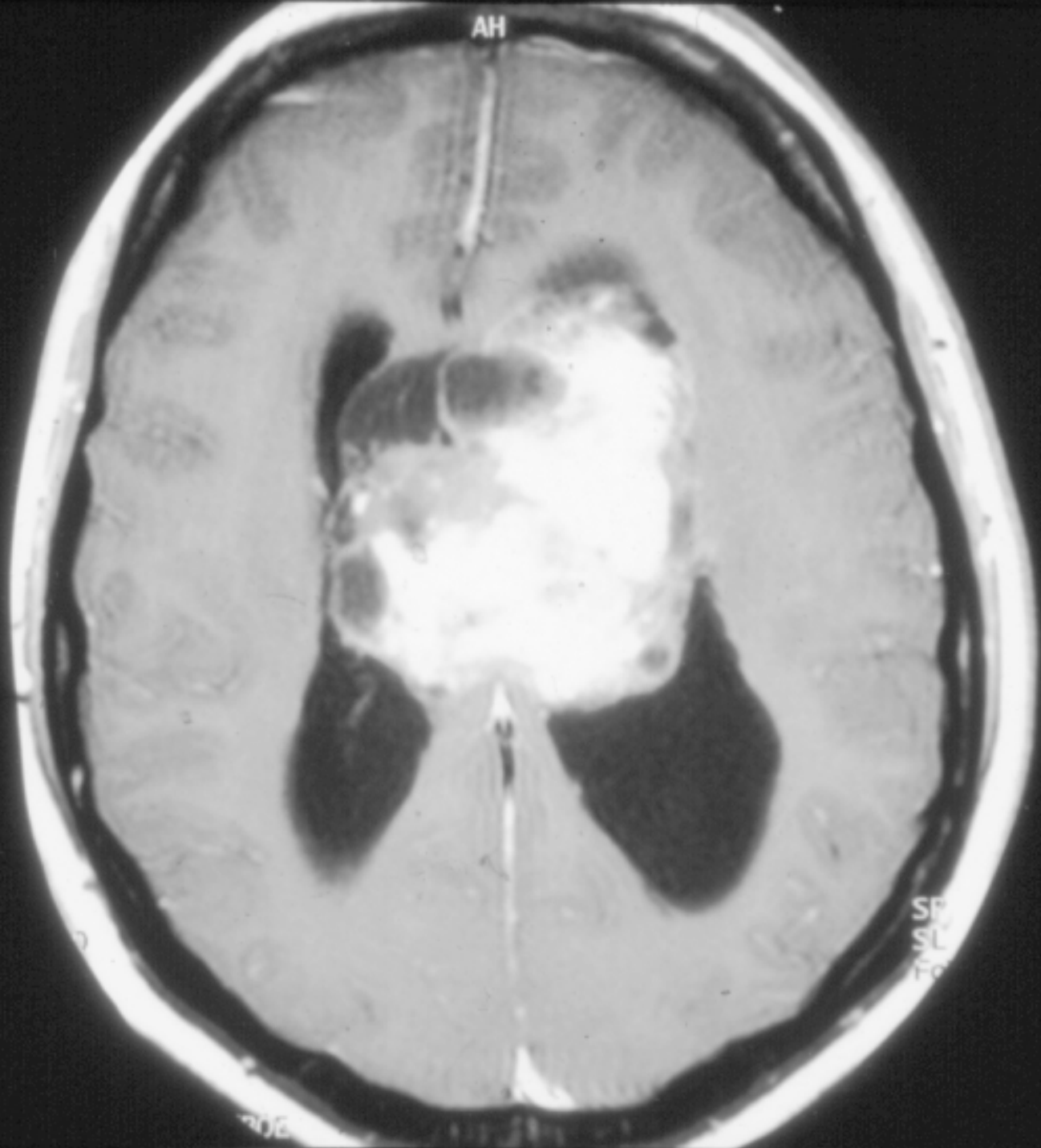
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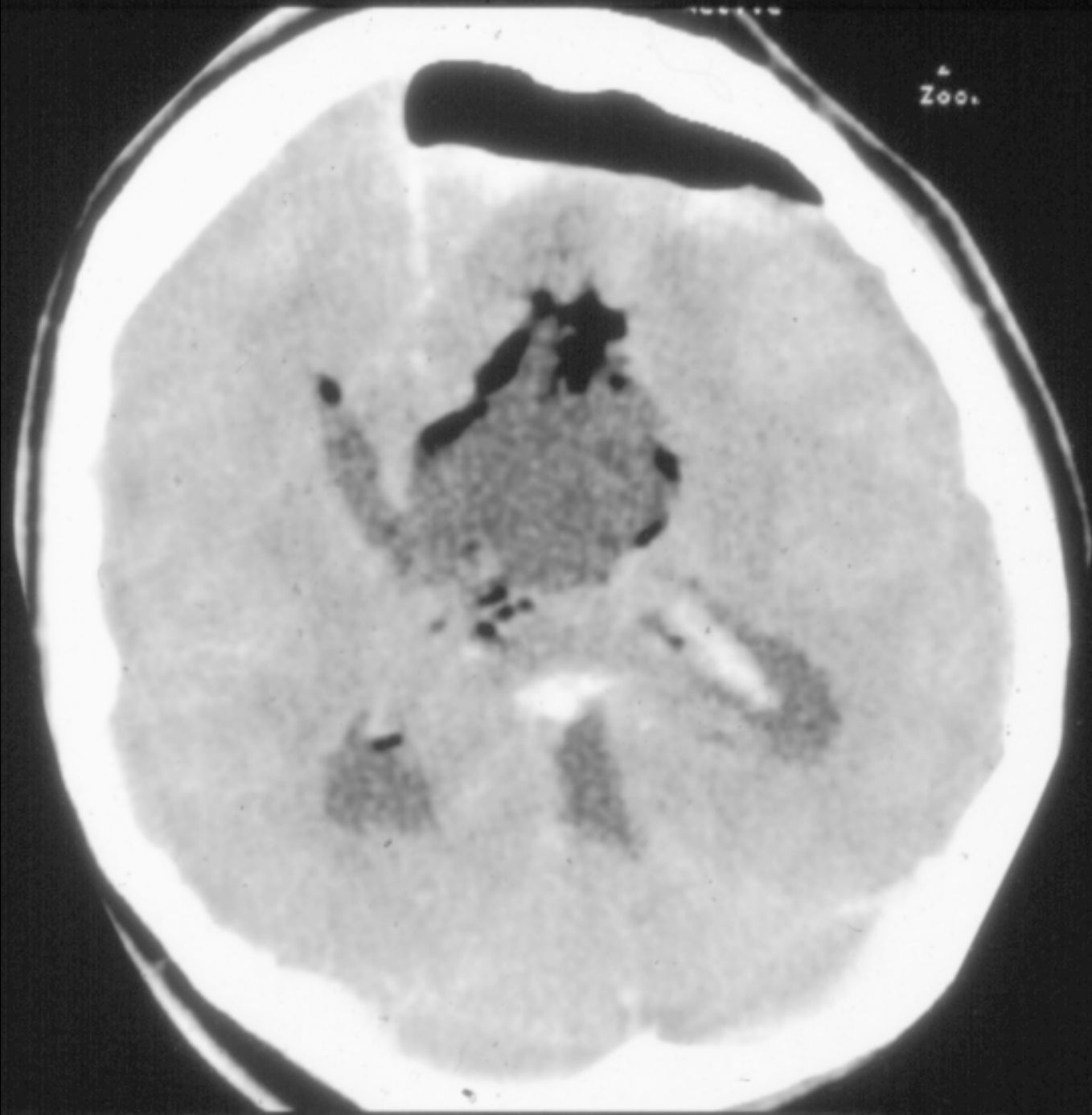
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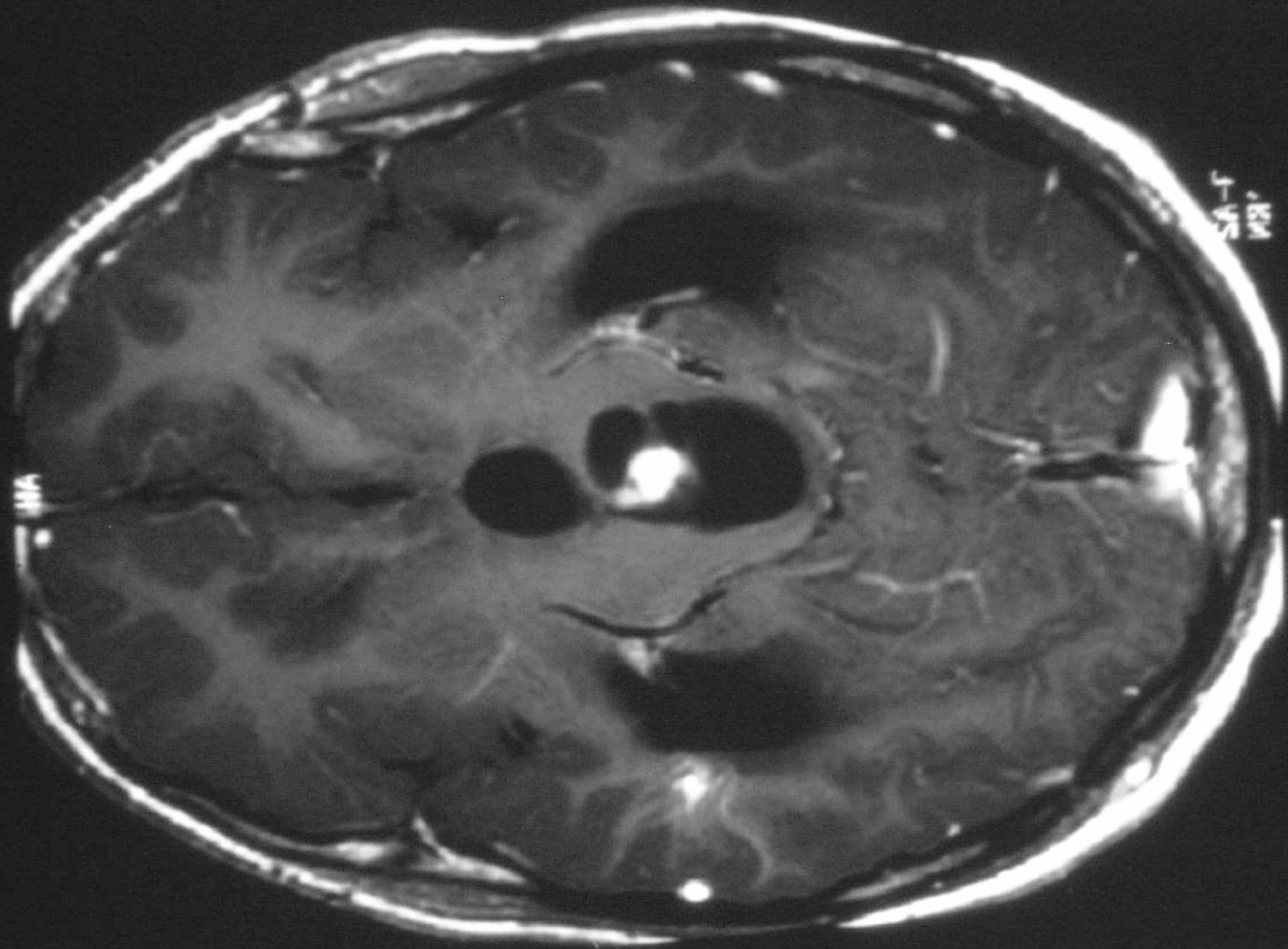
- mobile
- no special construction needed
- no special isolation needed
- spinal mode
- CT angiography intra-operatively
- navigation
- stereotaxy
- no real time imaging





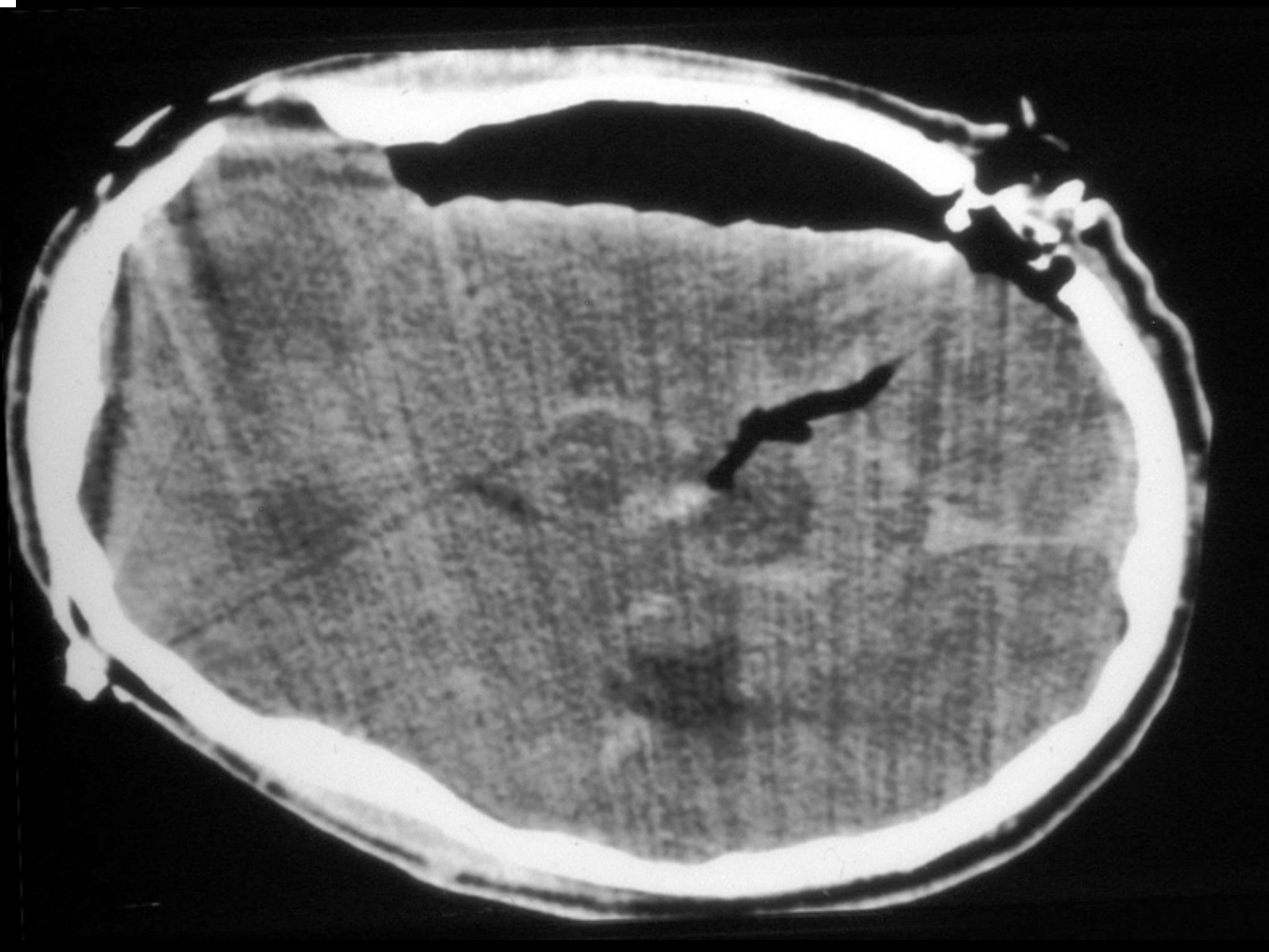






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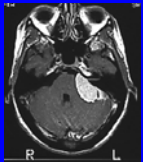
Intra-operative Imaging

special personal needed

- special construction needed
- special isolation needed
- new instruments, new OR-equipment needed
- best quality of imaging
- no real time imaging navigation
- functional imaging time consuming space occupying

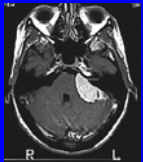
Operative time

- Put in trajectory,
- Point to point localisation,
- Following of trajectory,
- Virtual tip,
- Images injection in the binocular.



*Objective advantages of navigation
benefit for the patient*

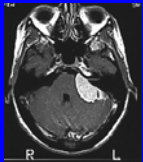
- Safety and comfort :
 - Decrease of the time of hospitalisation +++
 - Mean: 5 to 6 days
 - Operative time equal or increased of 20 mn.
 - Morbidity decreased.





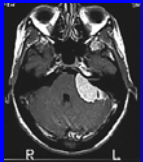
*Subjective advantages of navigation :
Its technical capacities*

- Safety and comfort for the neurosurgeon
- Accuracy



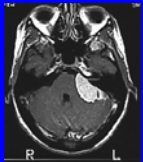
Disadvantages of robotic navigation with MKM

- The bulk and weight, (MKM)
- Mind to placement of referential and infra-red camera/ advantage with Axiem
- Incidents: necessity of maintenance contract and to form all kinds of users (operating room nurses, surgeons, anaesthesiologists,...)

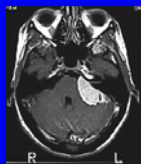
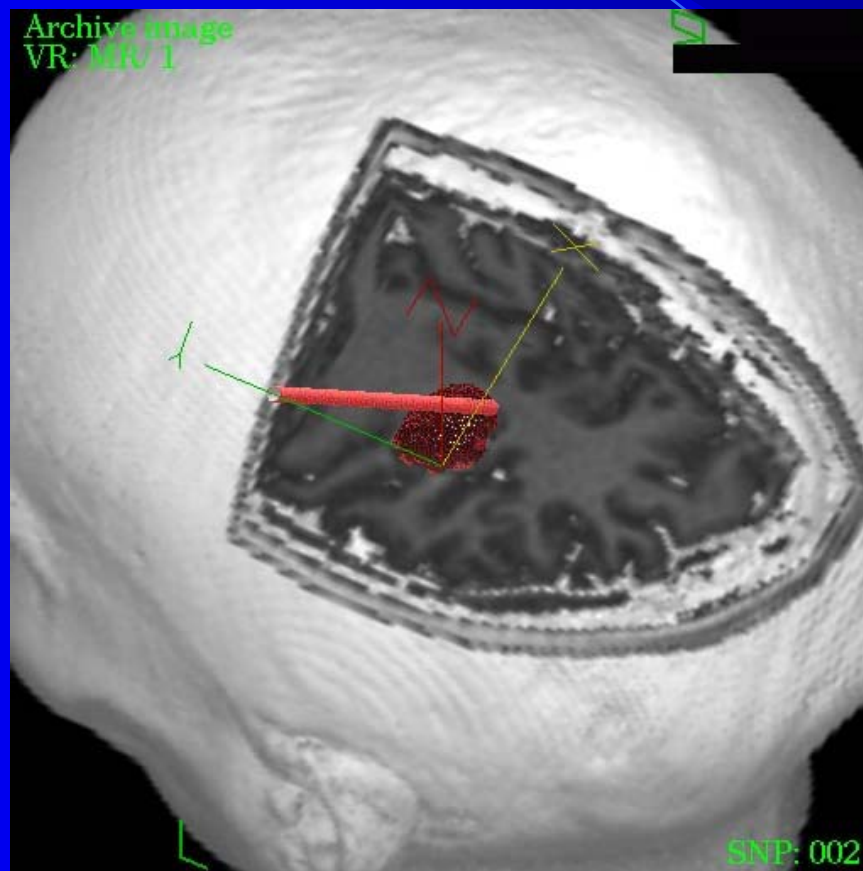


Imperative indications

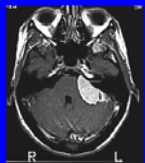
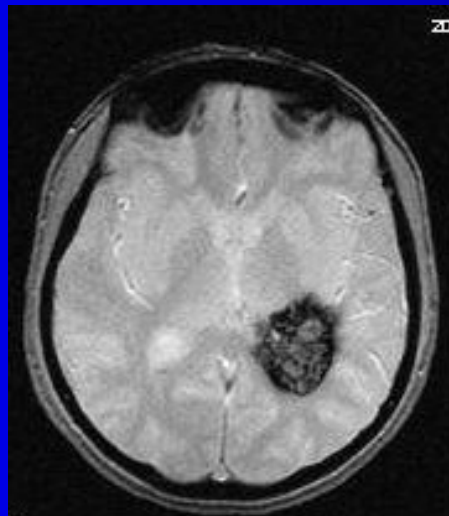
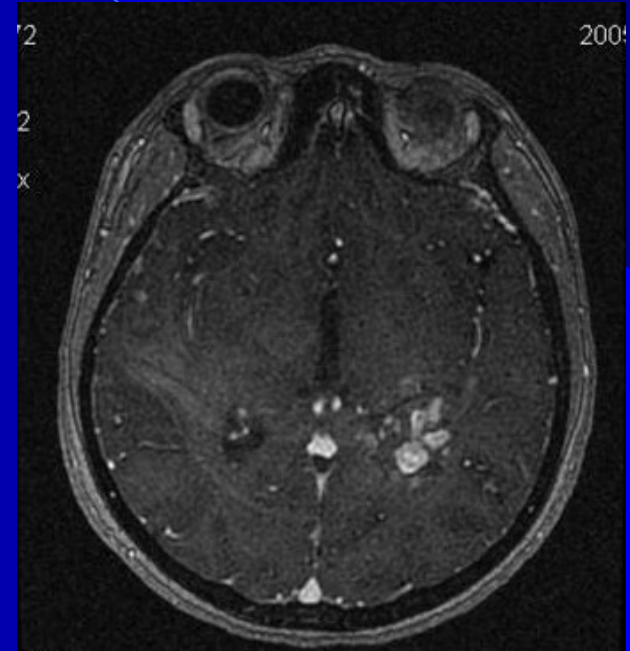
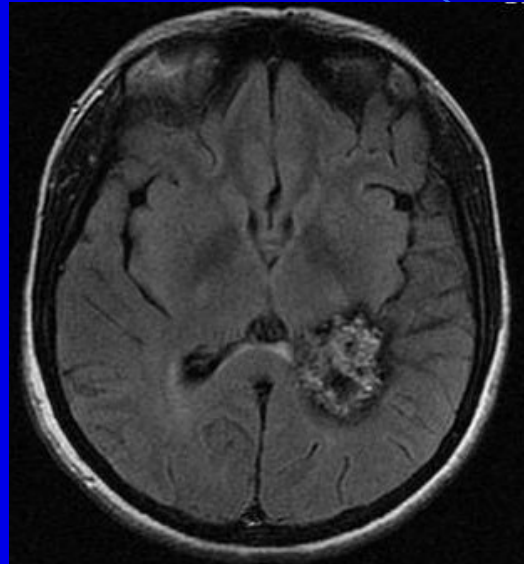
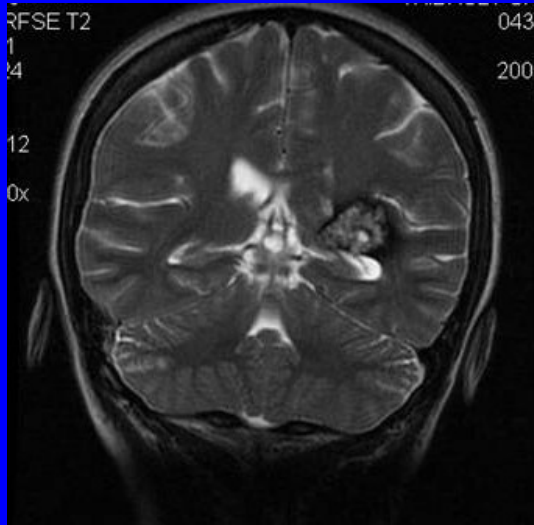
- Small deep lesion: cavernoma of the insula,...
- « Invisible » lesion: Low grade glioma,...
- Proximity of risk area: meningioma closed to skull-base arteries,...



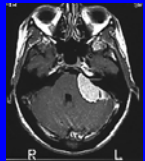
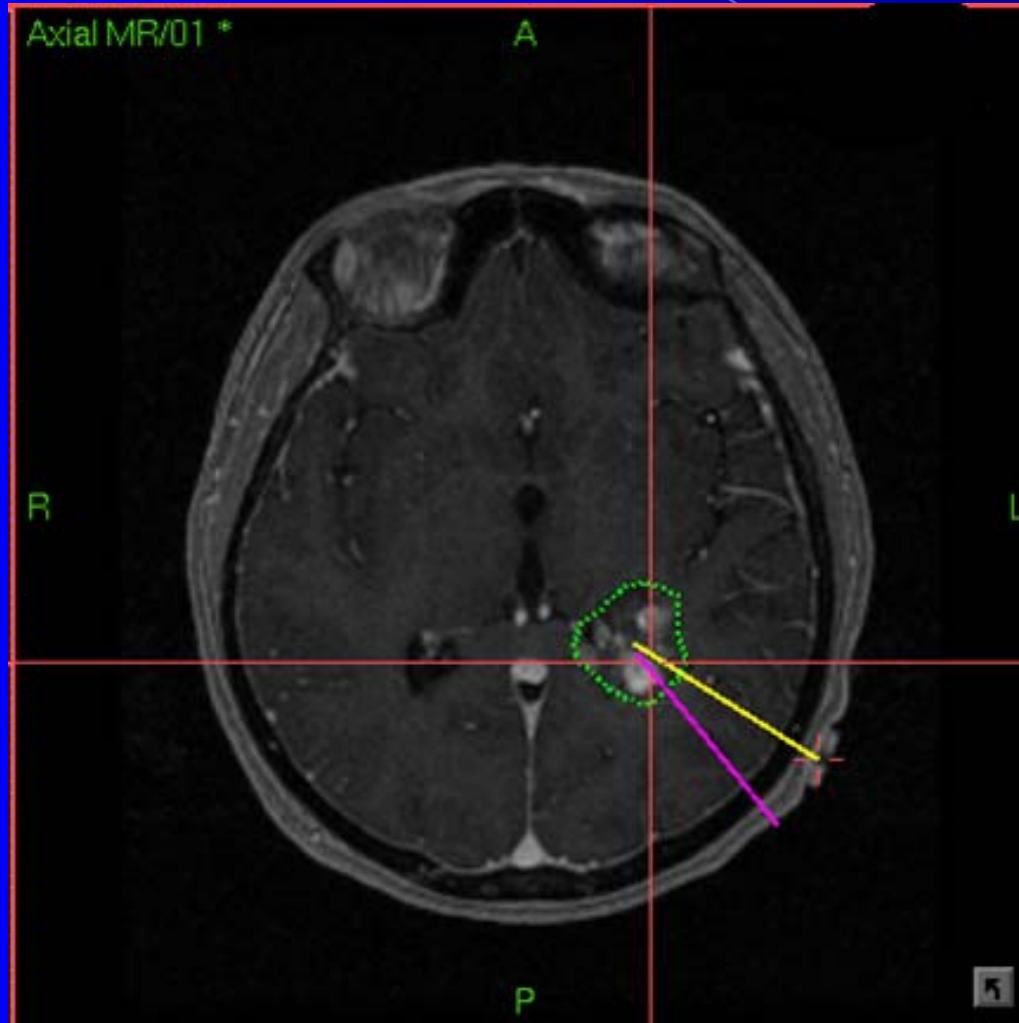
Small deep lesion ex : parietal cavernoma



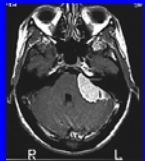
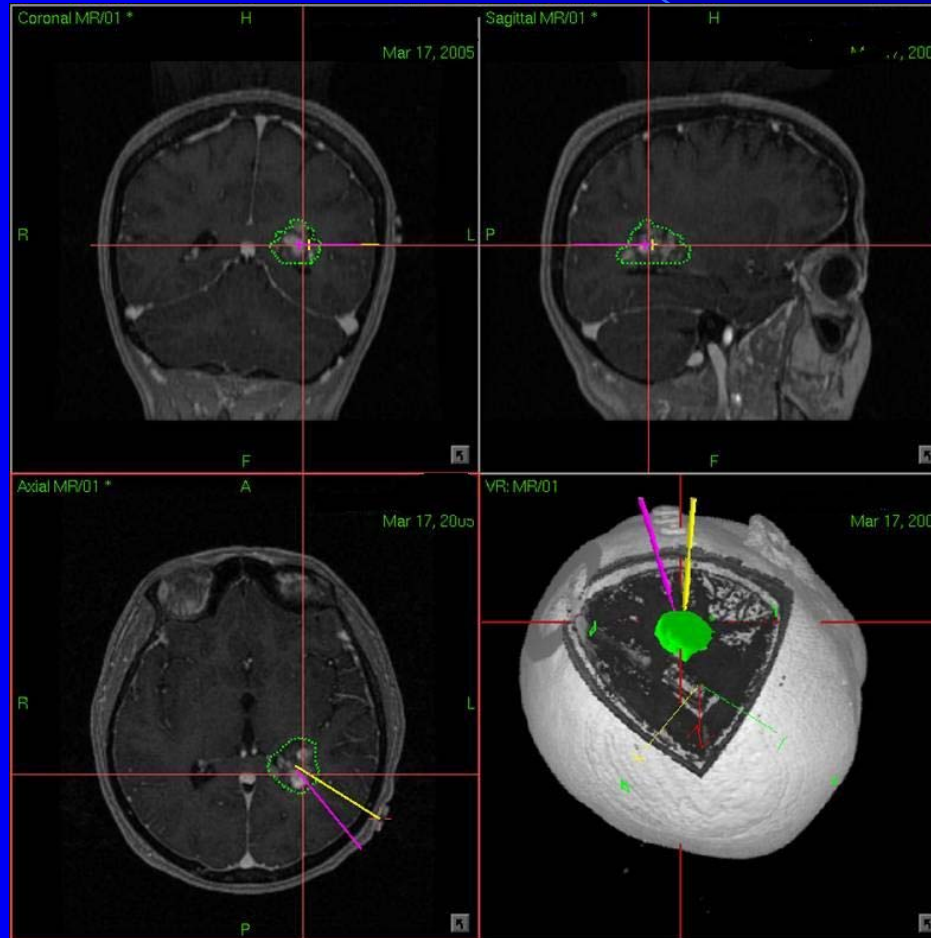
Giant cavernoma of left anatomical crossroads 11 march 2005



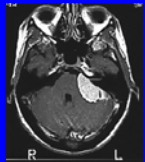
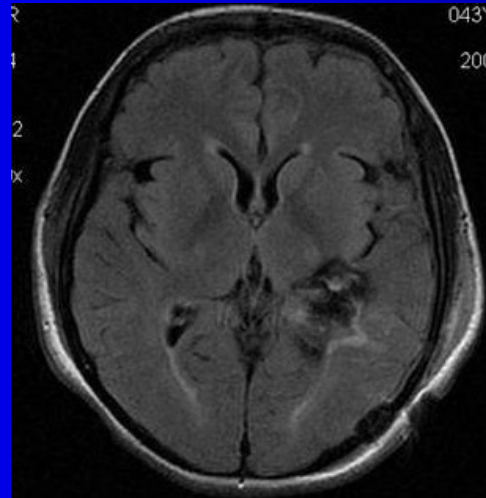
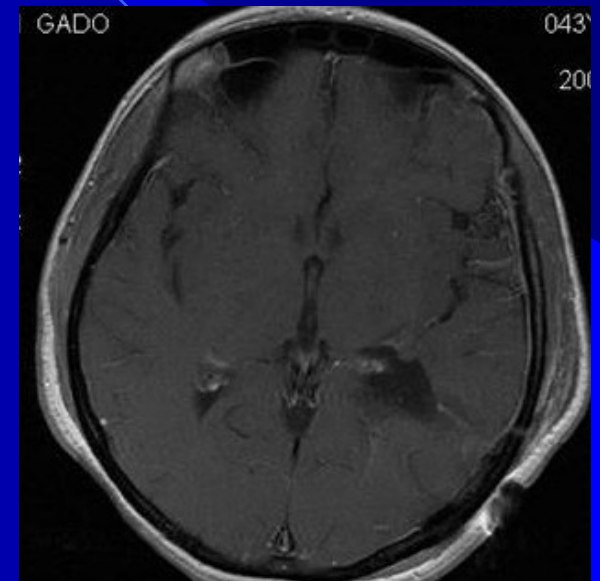
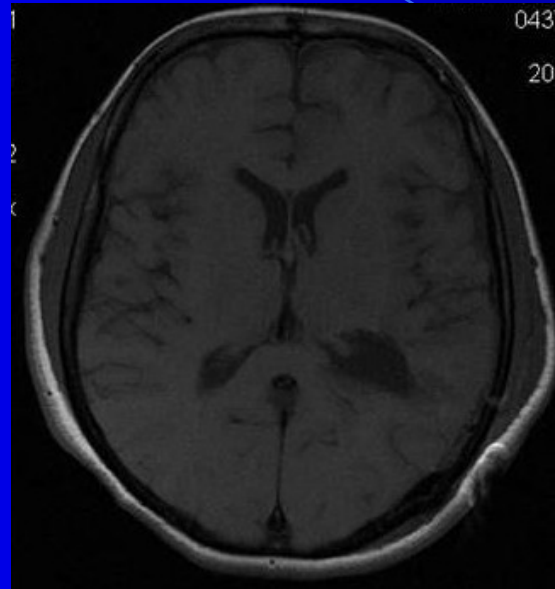
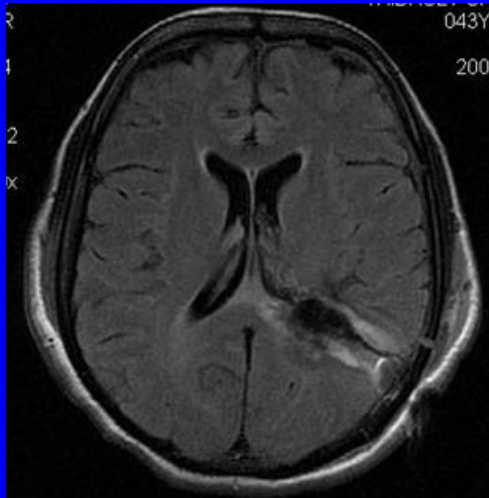
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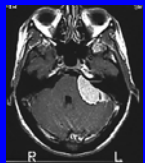
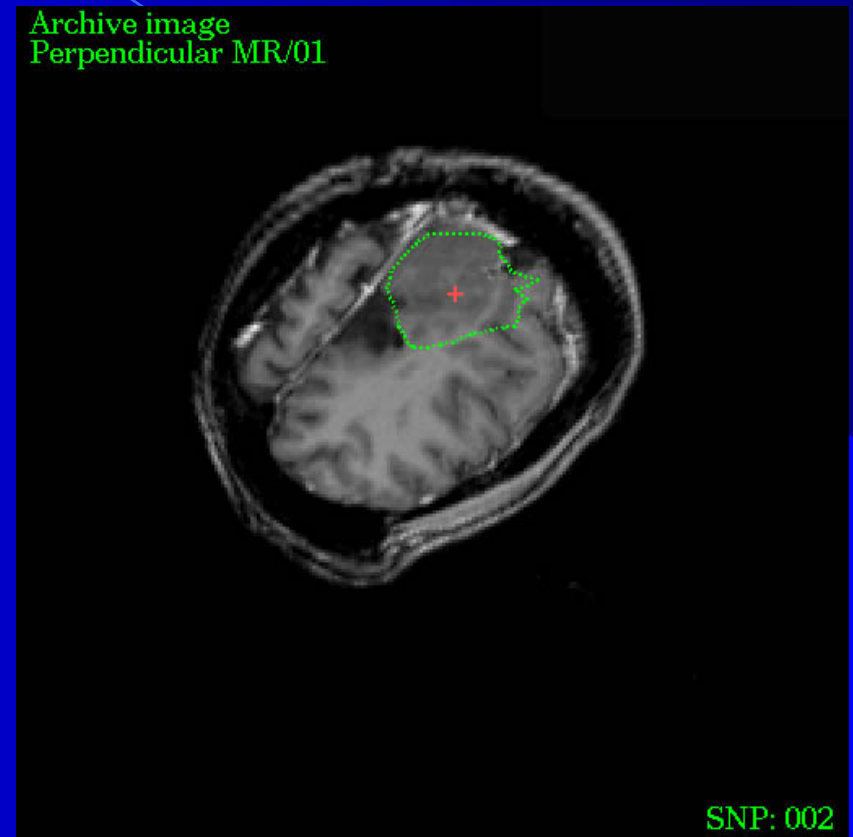
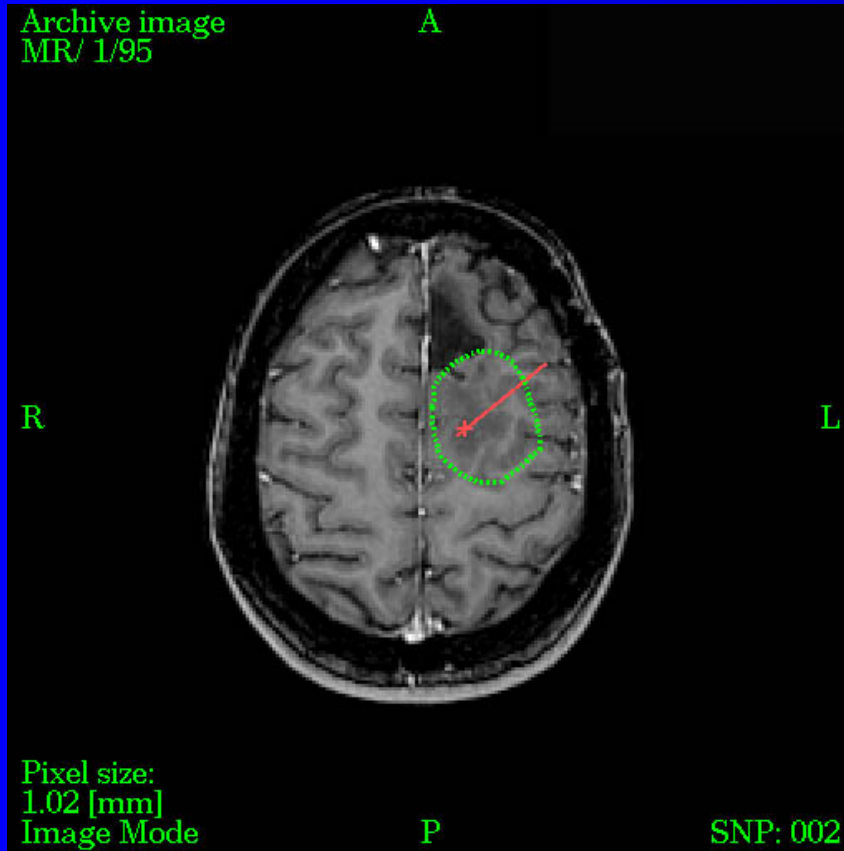


Giant cavernoma of left anatomical crossroads 11 march 2005, post-op
MRI at D1 Back Home at D5.



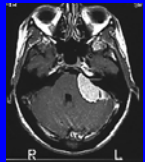
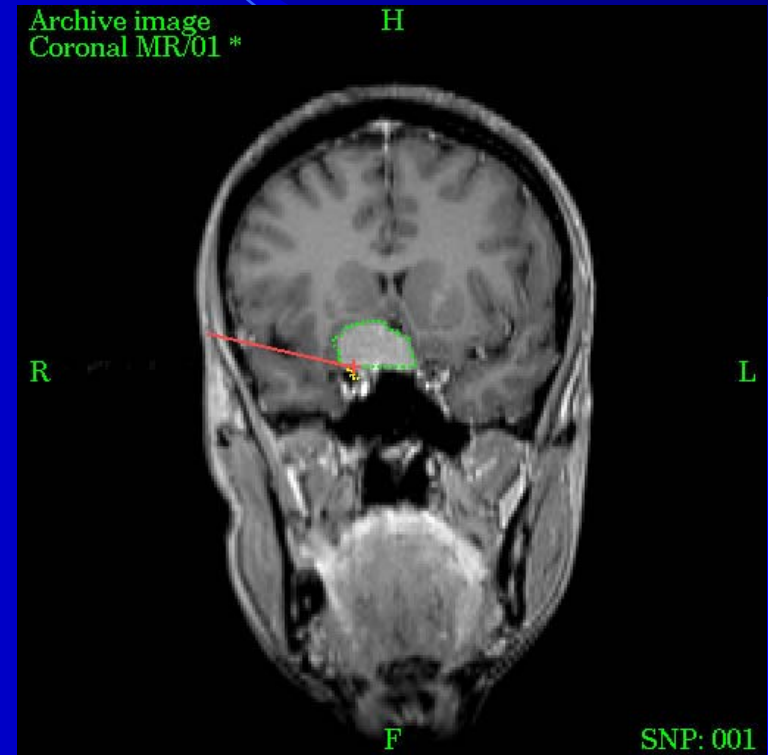
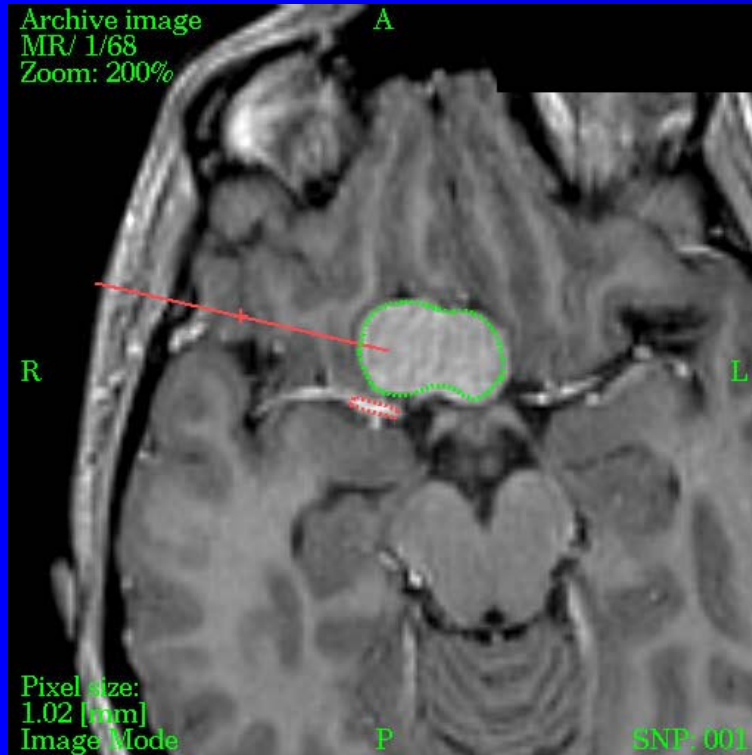
Invisible lesion

ex : oligodendroglioma of Rolando area



Risk area

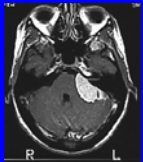
ex : meningioma of the du tuberculum sellae



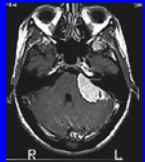
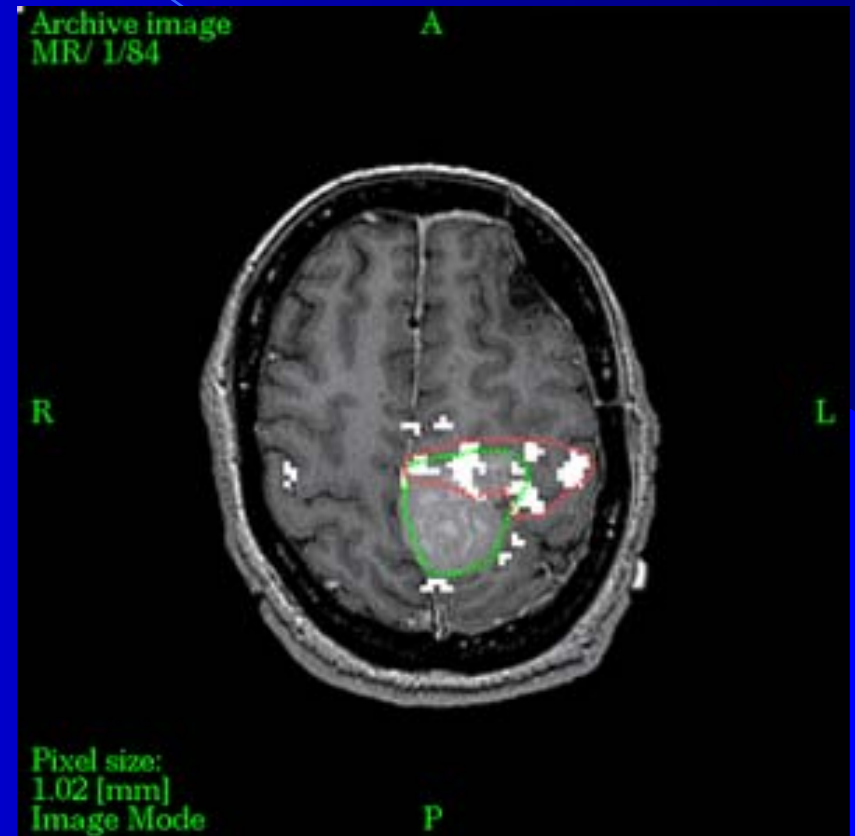
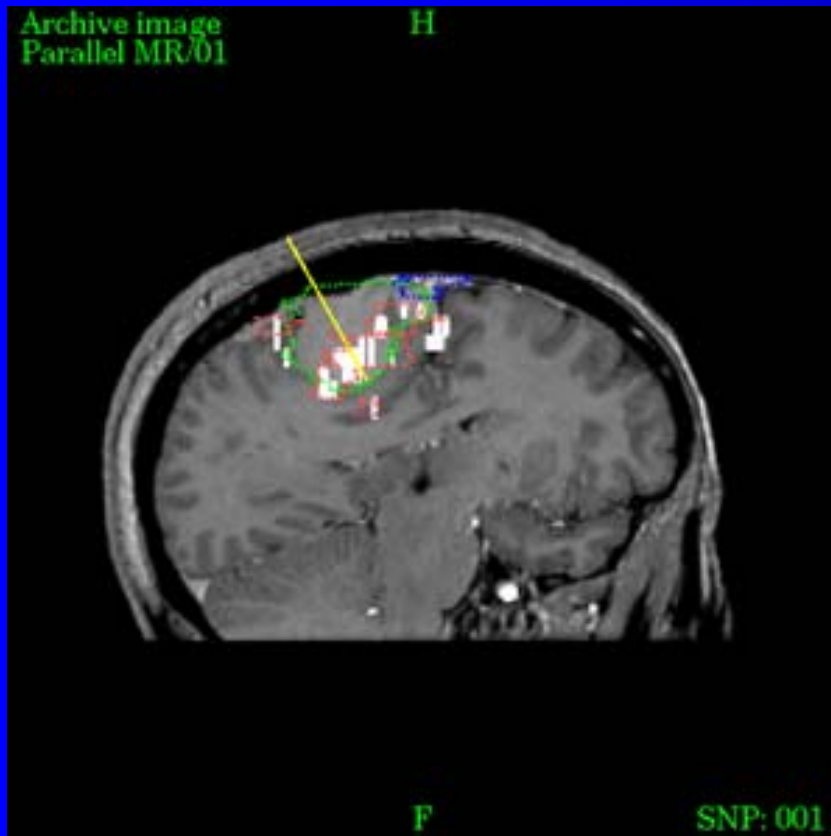


Non imperative indications

- Superficial tumour
- Extra-parenchymatous tumour
- Big tumour
- Second look



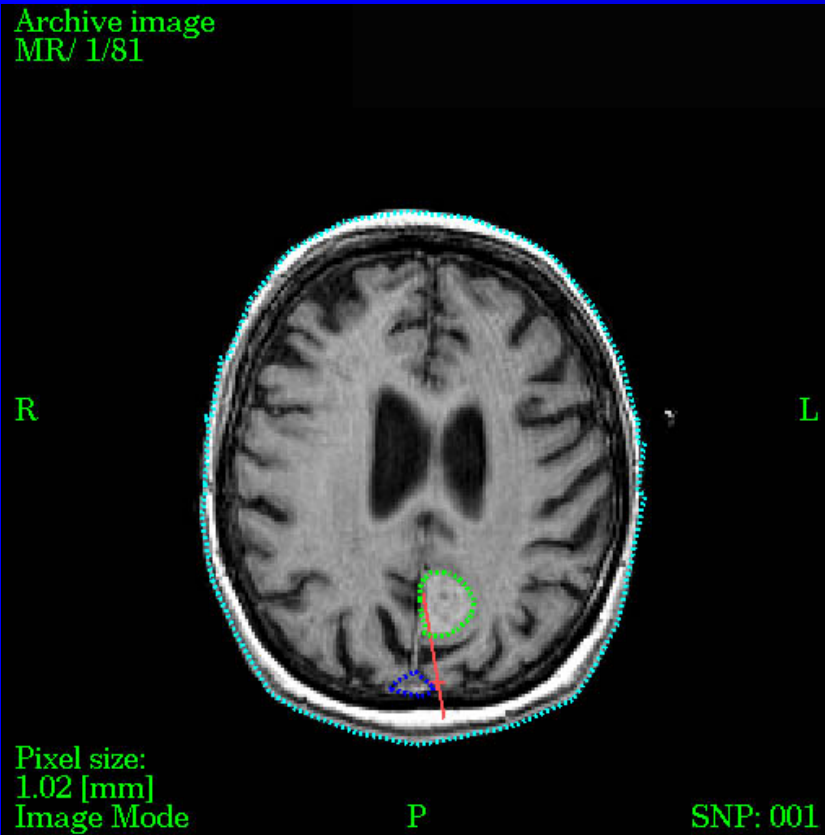
Superficial Tumour: Important interest for study of the venous drainage before craniotomy ex : meningioma of Rolando



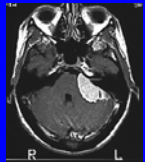
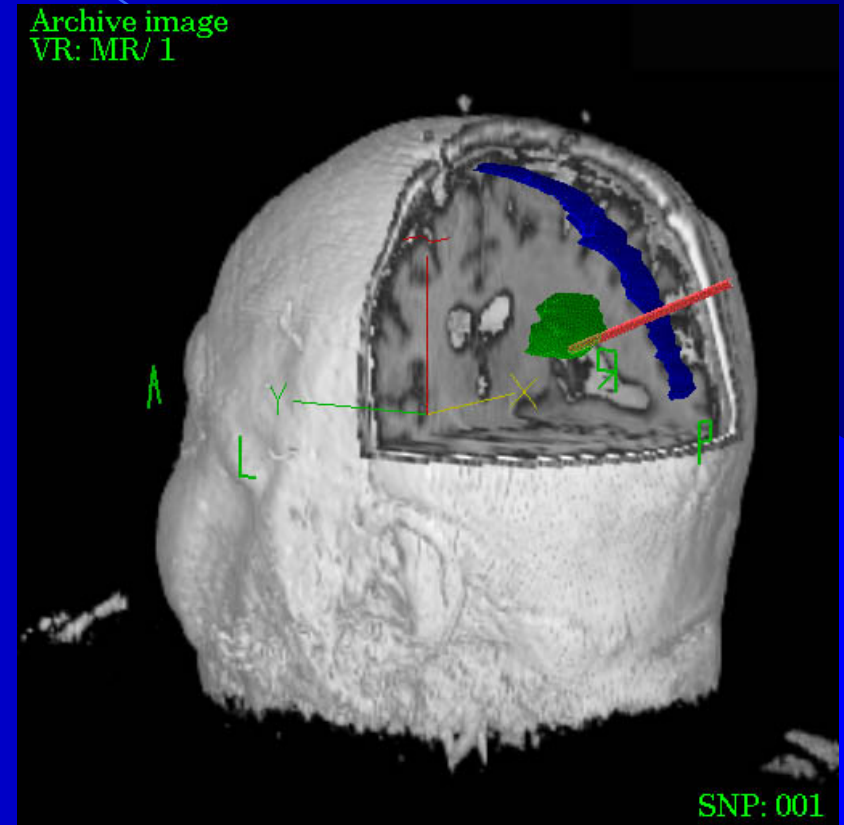
Deep Tumour

ex : Falx cerebri meningioma

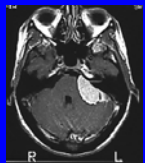
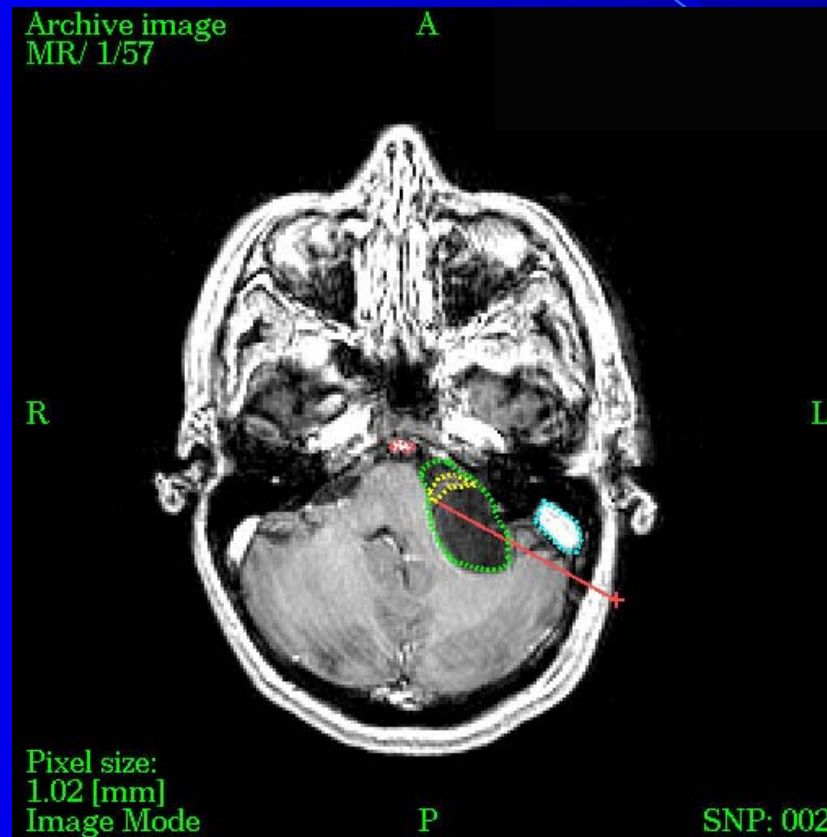
Archive image
MR/ 1/81



Archive image
VR: MR/ 1



Extra-parenchymatous tumour ex : cholesteatoma of CPA



- **Stereotactic Biopsies**

frameless with MKM or **TREON**

- Navigation for Spine.

- Images fusion with fMRI, cerebral Thallium scintigraphy, sequences of DTi FiberTract, PETscan.

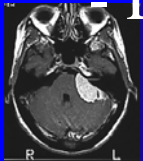
- Coupled with **CO2 laser, per-operative Neuroendoscopy**

- **Robotic Microsurgery assisted by endoscope and image guidance**

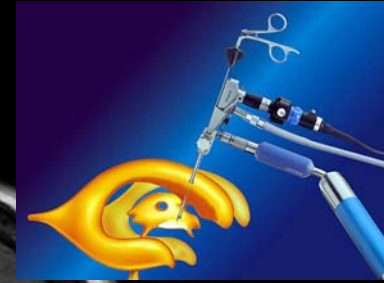
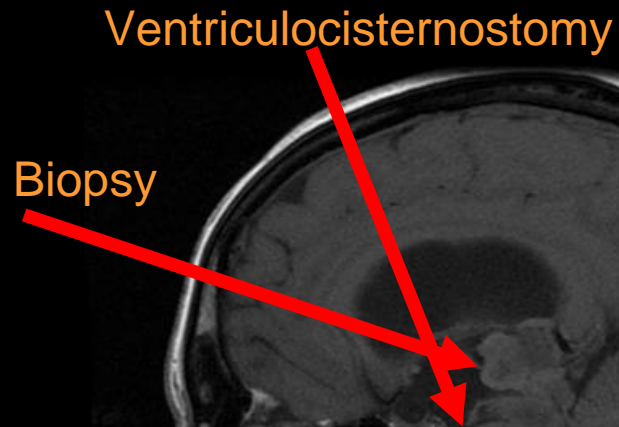
- **Interstitial per-operative radiotherapy** : Acubeam.

- Awaked surgery for functional area tumours, coupled with per-operative brain stimulation.

- ENT applications.



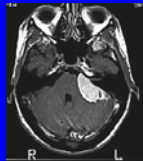
Neuroendoscopy and microsurgery assisted by endoscopy



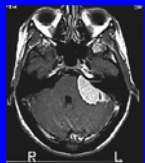
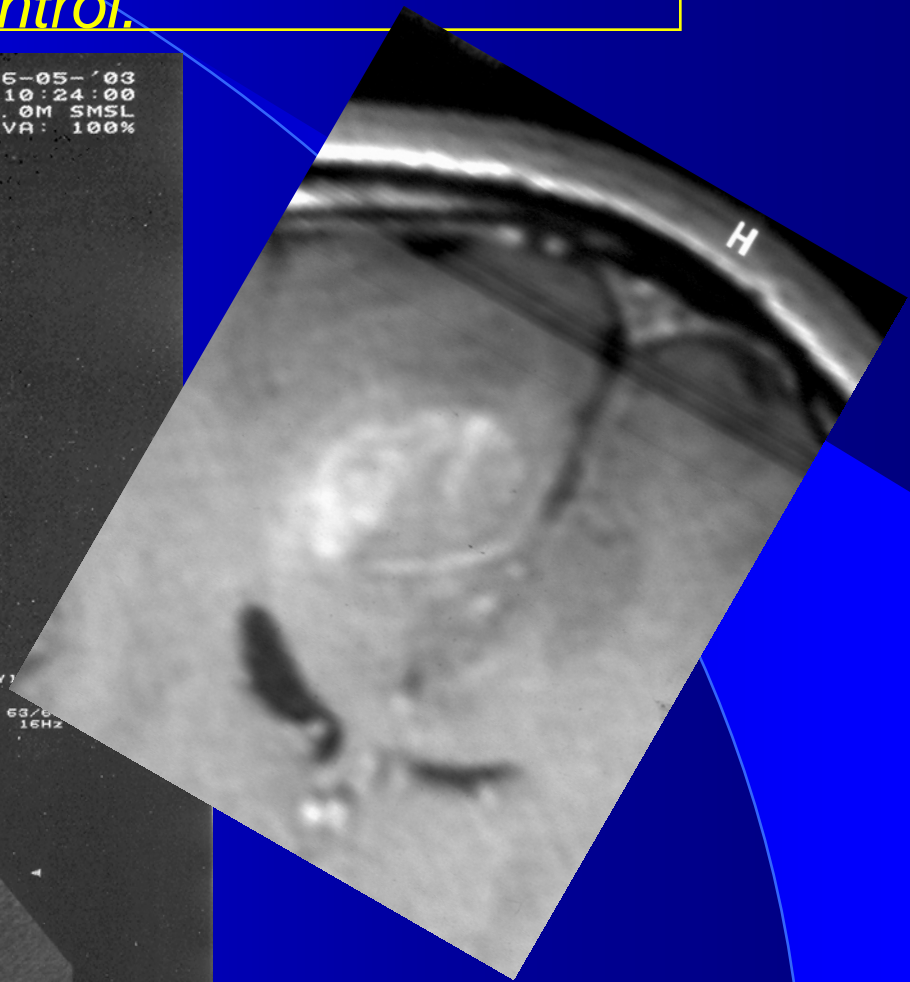
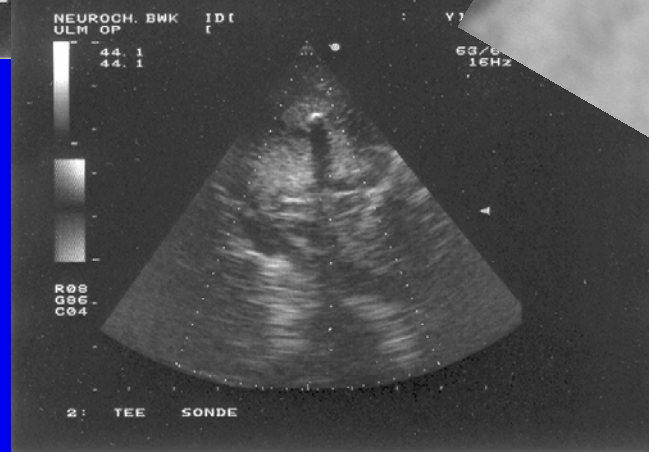
For intra-ventricular or pineal tumours.

Robotic arm can help to guide, fix and micro-movement of endoscope, or biopsy-needle

*Biopsy coupled with ultra-sounds
Robotic arm can hold and guide
US probe and biopsy needle*



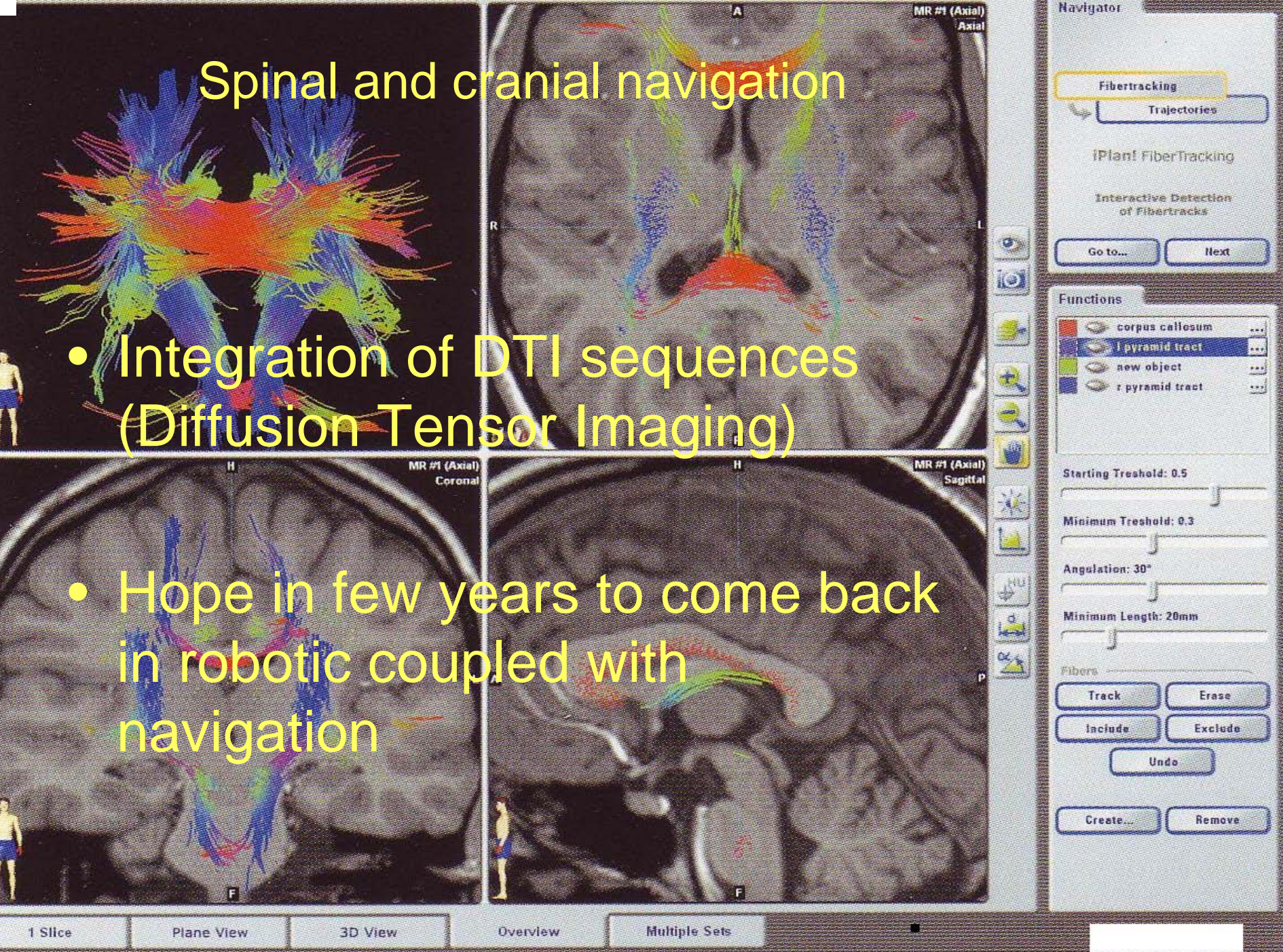
**Biopsy coupled with ultra-sound:
real time per-operative control.**



Spinal and cranial navigation

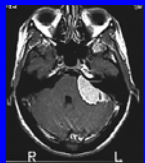
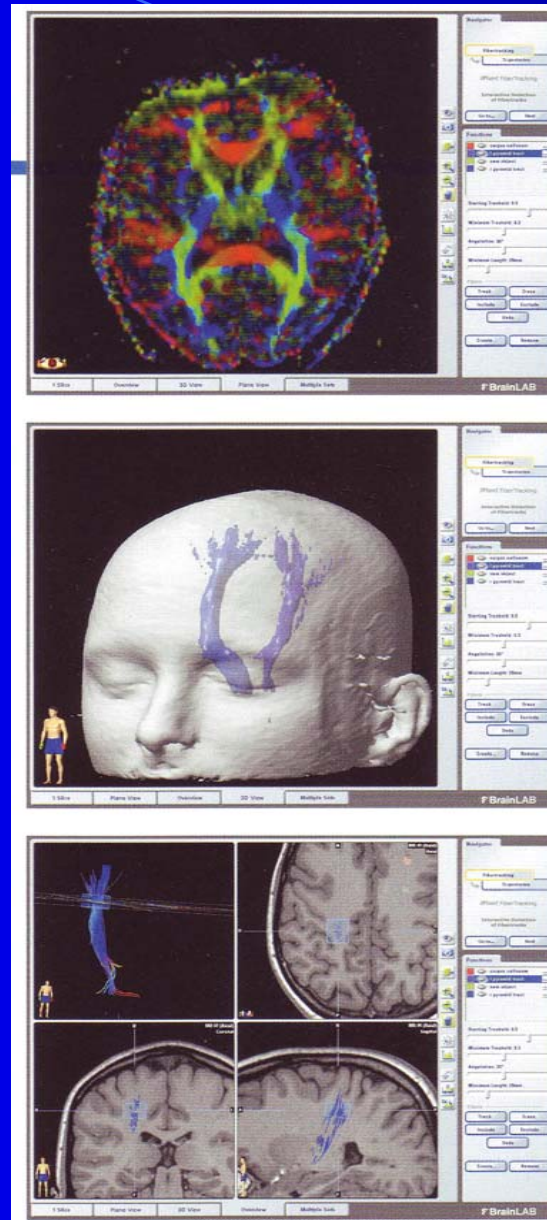
- Integration of DTI sequences (Diffusion Tensor Imaging)

- Hope in few years to come back in robotic coupled with navigation



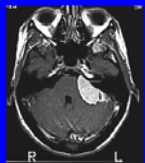


FiberTracking



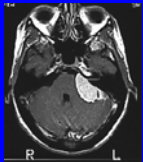
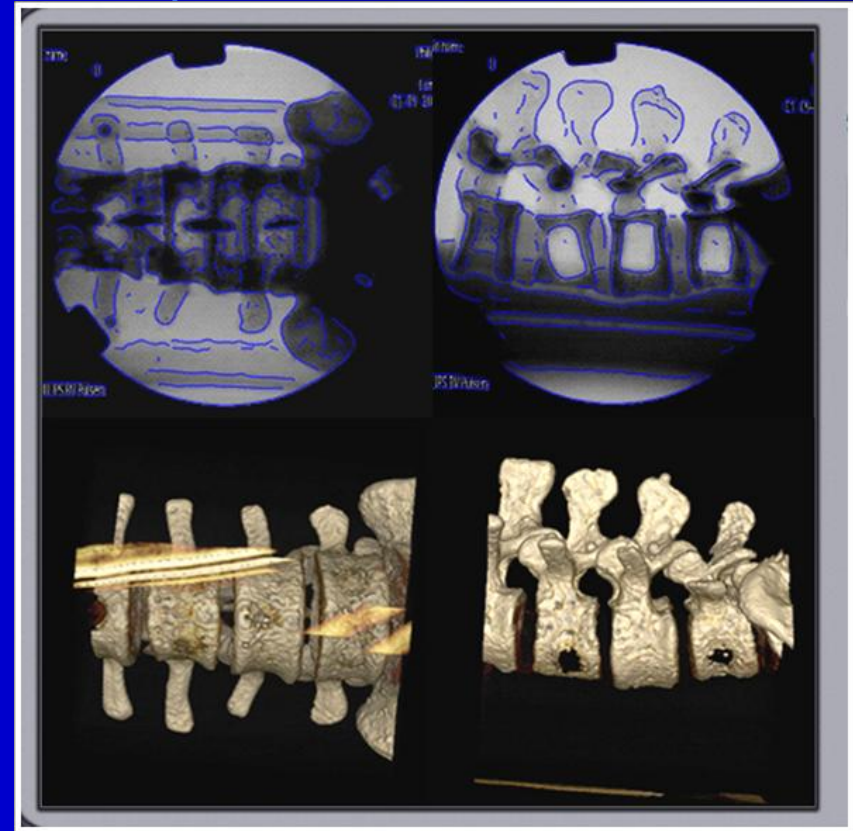
Spine surgery: 2D Fluoronav

- Easy positioning of screws
- Visualisation of perpendicular plans to screws (Verification of right positioning of the screws)
- Definition of screw size
- Robotic arm can help to put the guide in the right trajectory define by navigation
- 15 % of wrong positioning



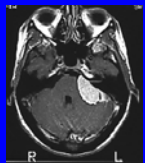
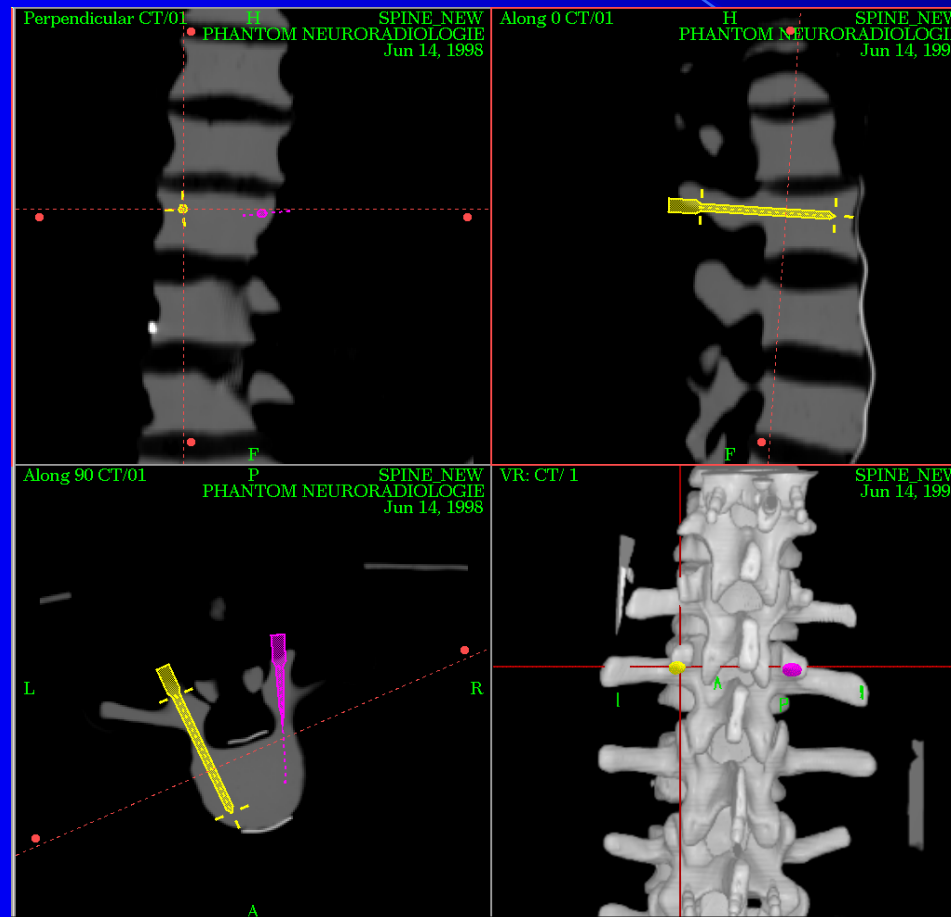
Spine surgery: 3D FluoroMerge

- Accuracy of pedicles screw positioning
- Definition of areas to drill (Vertebral tumours, arthrosis...)
- Help to put disc-prosthesis



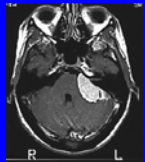
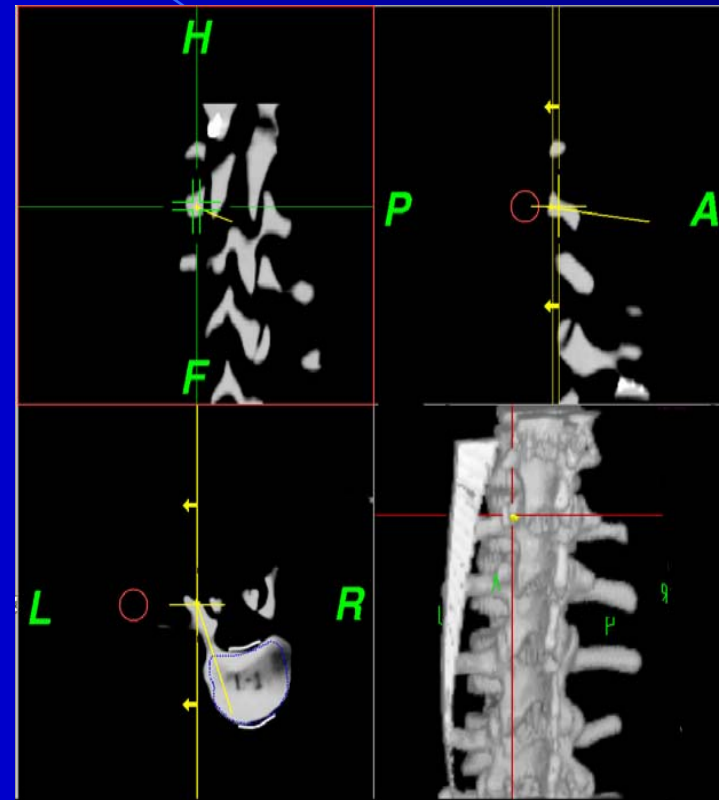


Pedicles screw positioning

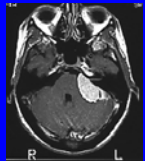
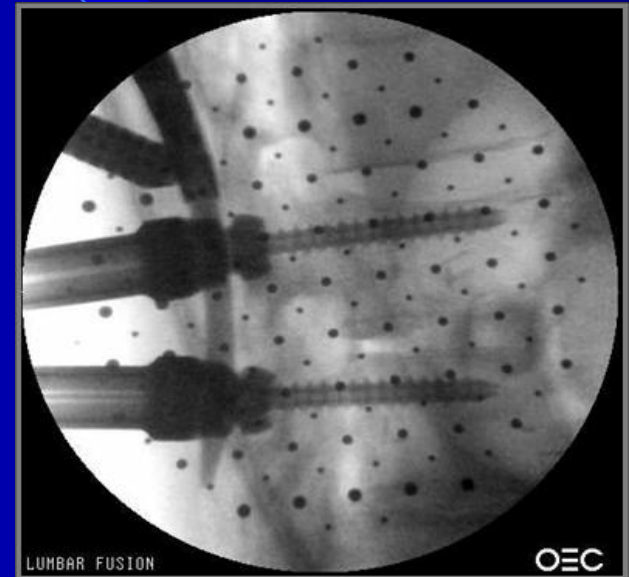
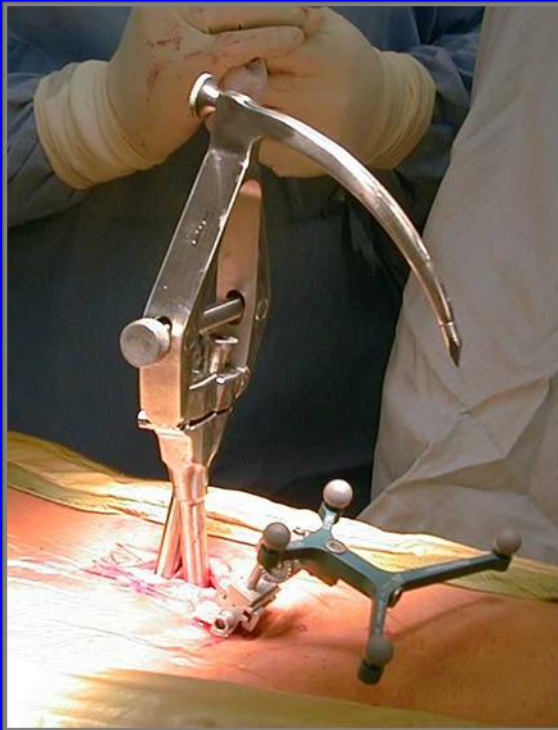


per-operative

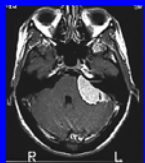
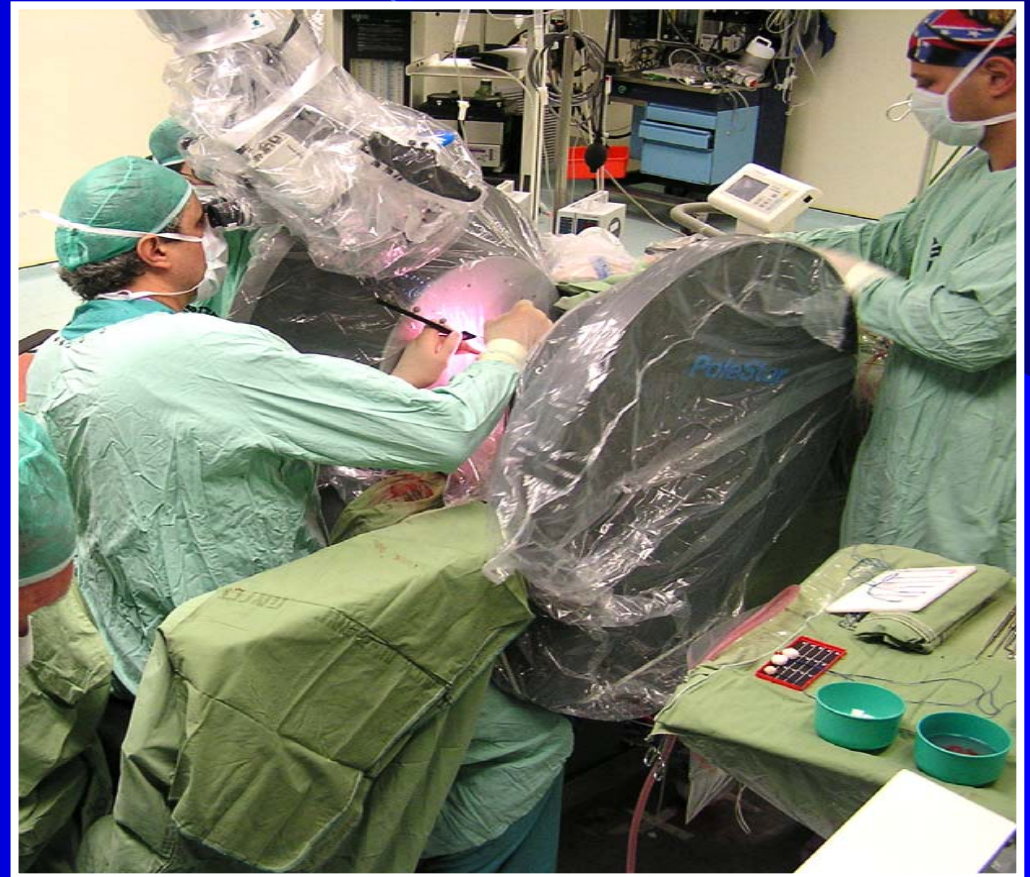
- Guidance mode to help for positioning the screw



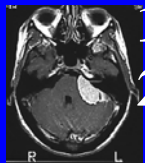
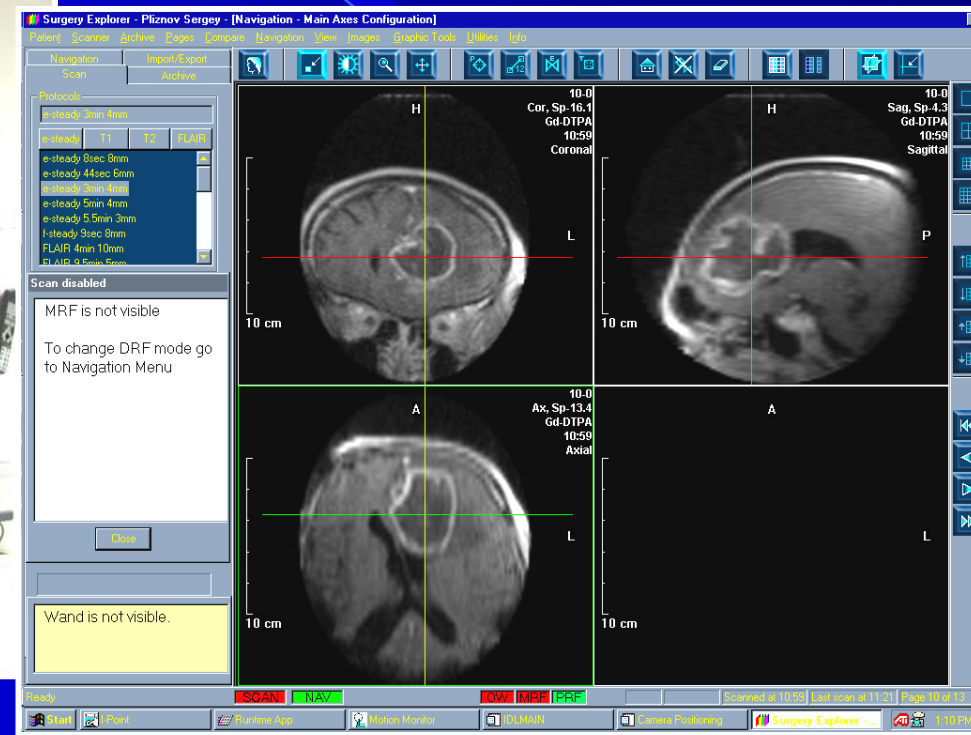
Spine surgery: Percutaneous technique under navigation - Sextan -



Low field intra-operative MRI: 0,12 T and 0,20 T



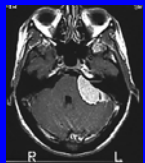
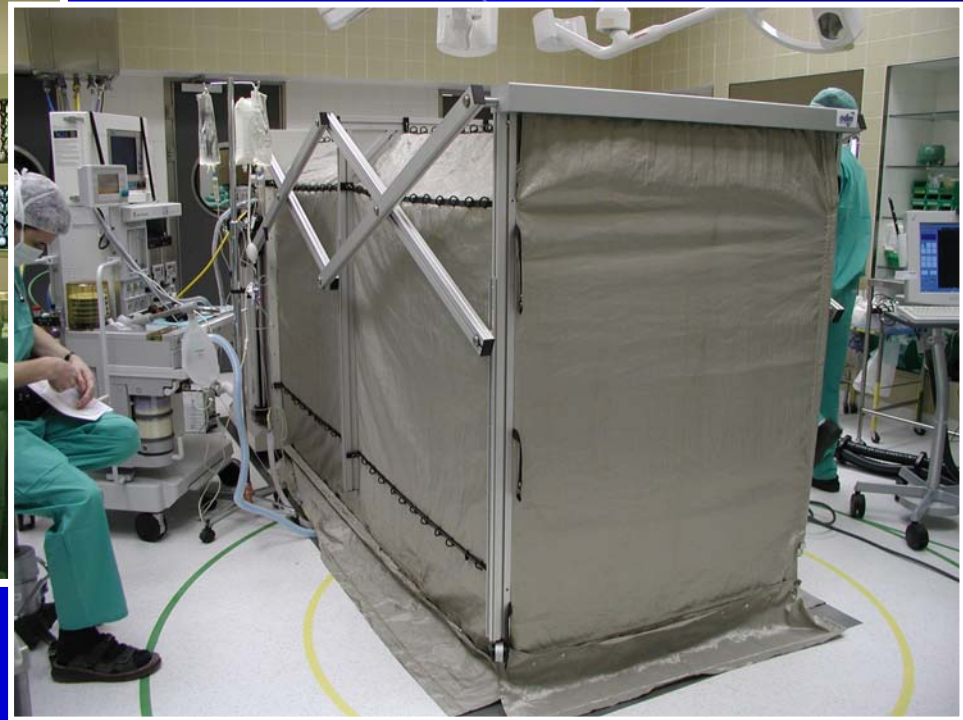
Per-operative low field MRI coupled with neuronavigation



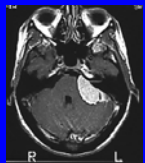
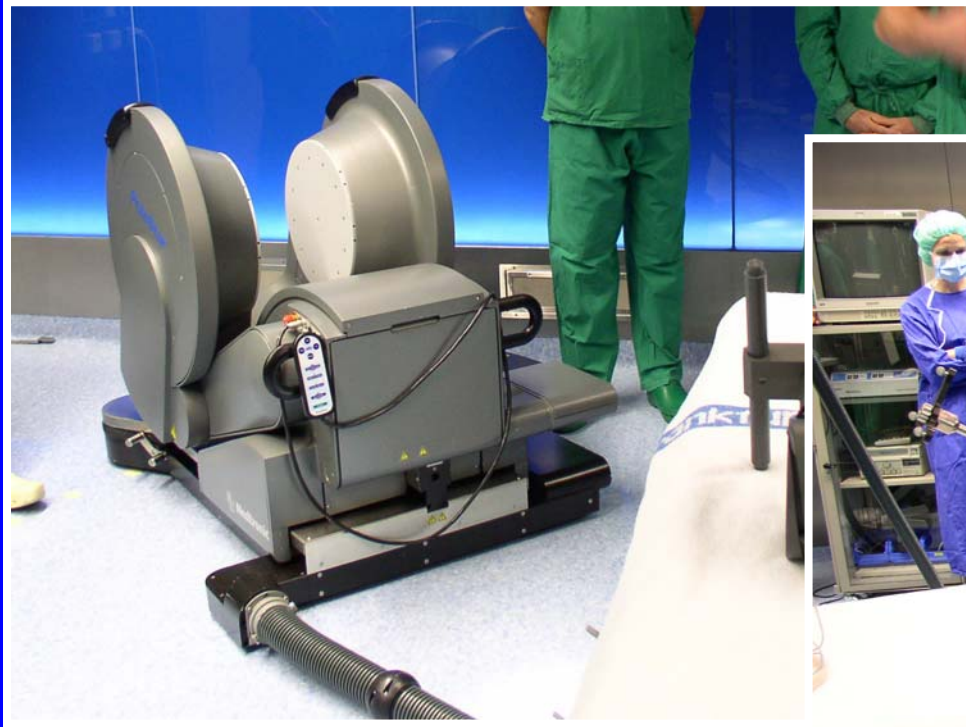
1. To update navigated images (actually SonoNav)
2. To verify per-operatively the quality of tumour resection

Per-operative low field MRI

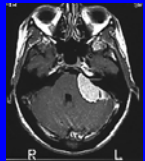
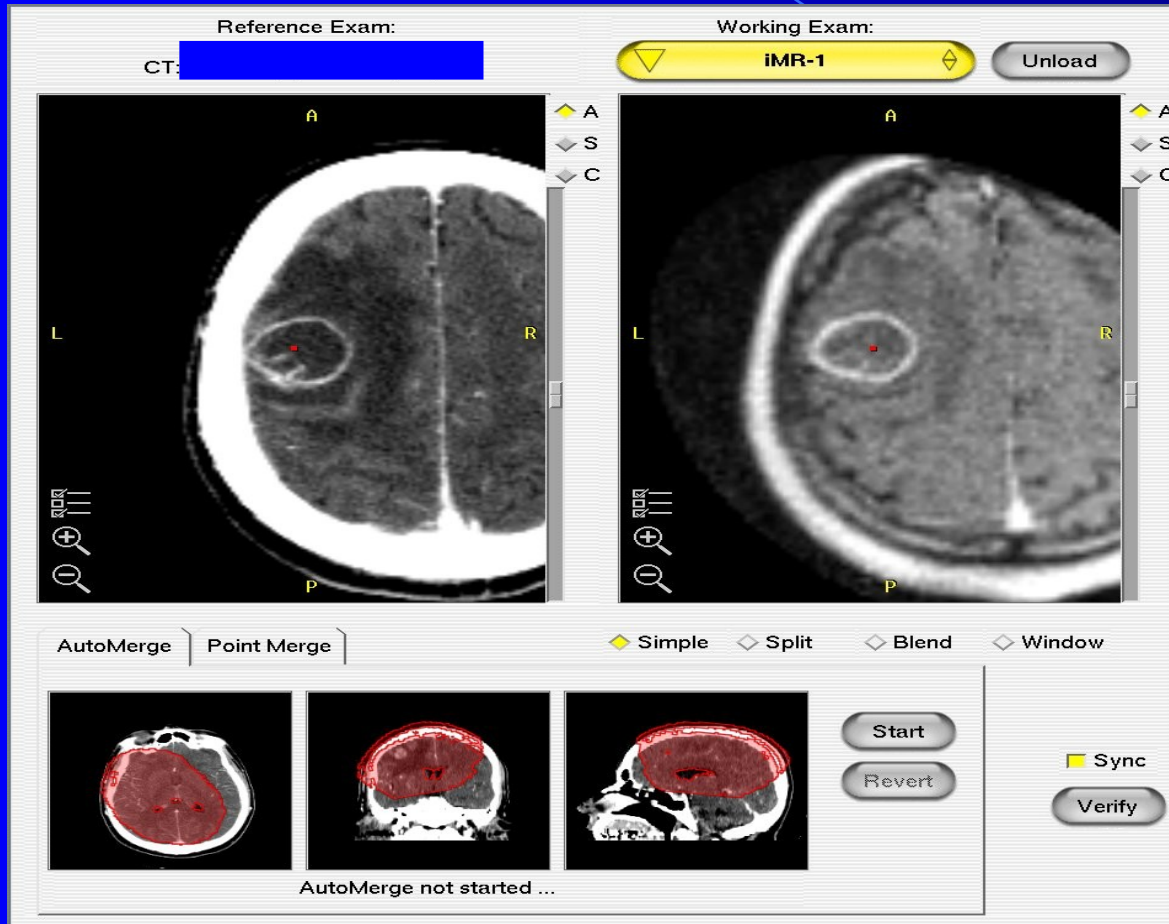
Mobile Faraday cage



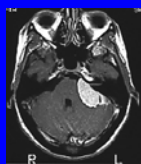
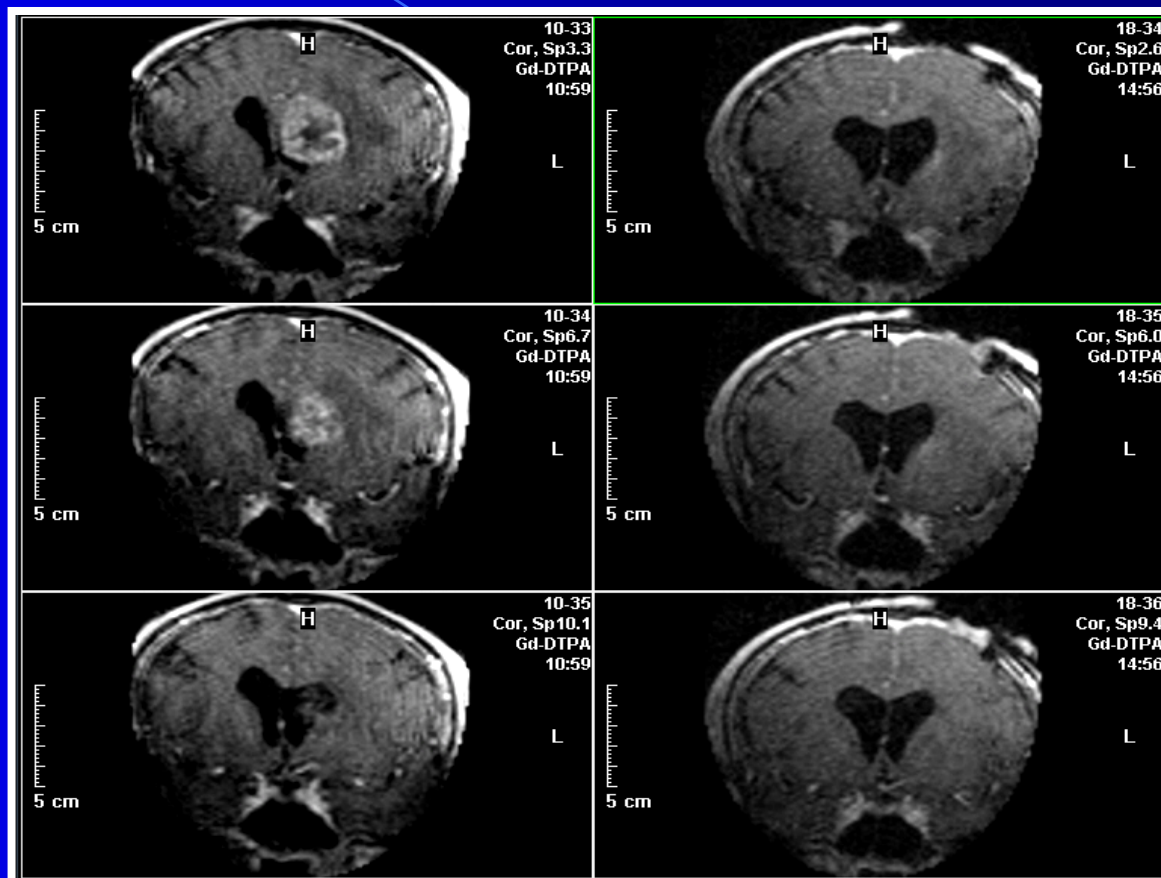
Per-operative low field MRI « OR » Faraday cage



Per-operative low field MRI images quality



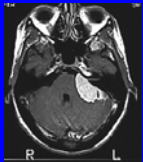
Per-operative low field MRI images quality



Another application of robotic: DBS Deep Brain Stimulation

- Neuromate robot:

For positioning the electrodes in
Parkinson's disease surgical treatment

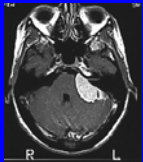




Now, the future !!!

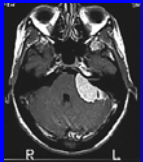
- Tele-assisted Neurosurgery
- Tele-mentoring

- Robotic can be useful.



What can we do?

- To access the operating field in the trajectory defined by the “expert” surgeon
- To define restricted areas: the robot blocks you when you want to go outside the authorized areas
- Guide-tools: endoscope, needle, electrode, drill,...
- To define drill zone, particularly for skull base (petrous bone...)
- Voice control couple to navigation, to tell you that you arrive on a risk zone, or at the end of resection,...



Robotic surgical Tele-assistance

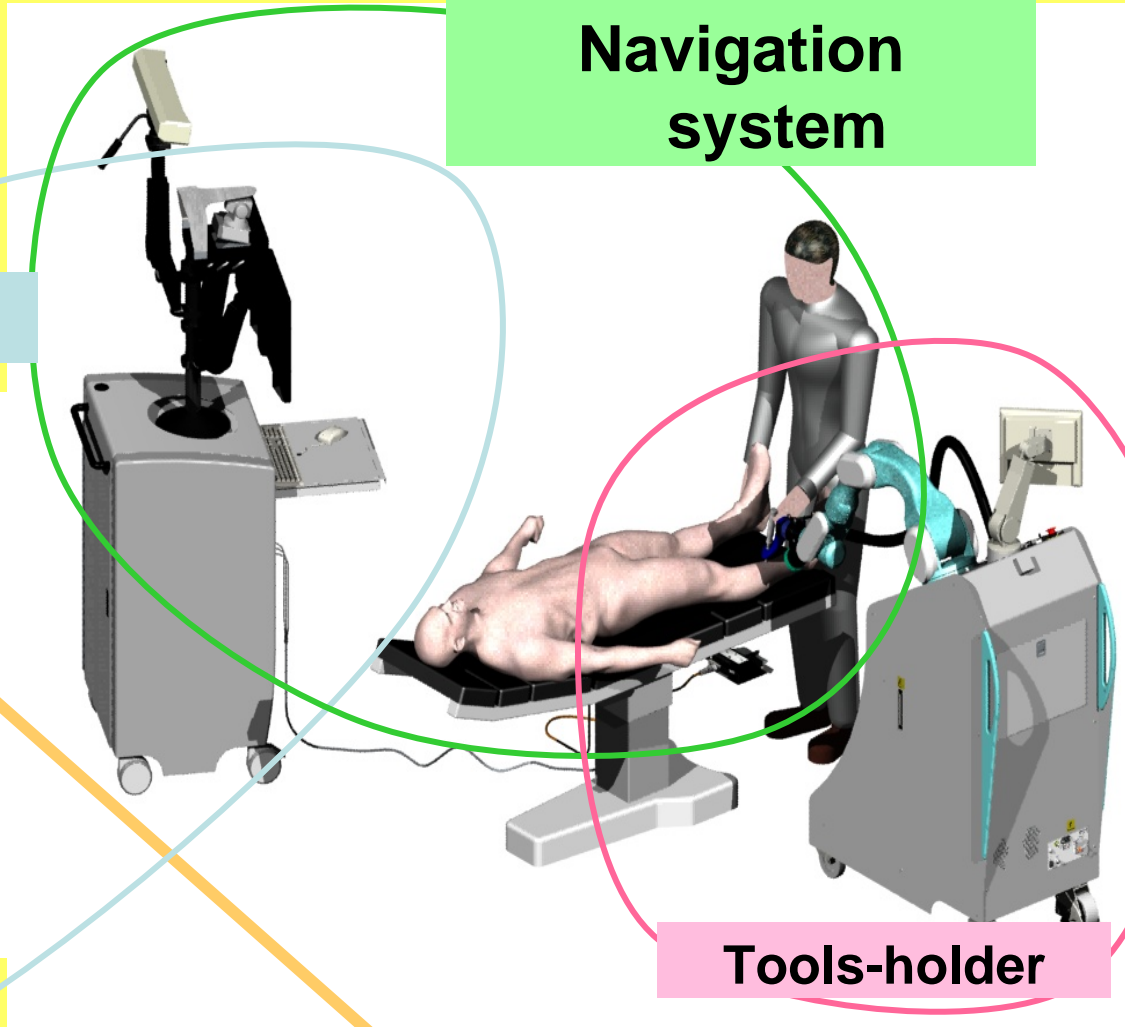
System

Navigation system

Tele-assistance



EXPERT Desk



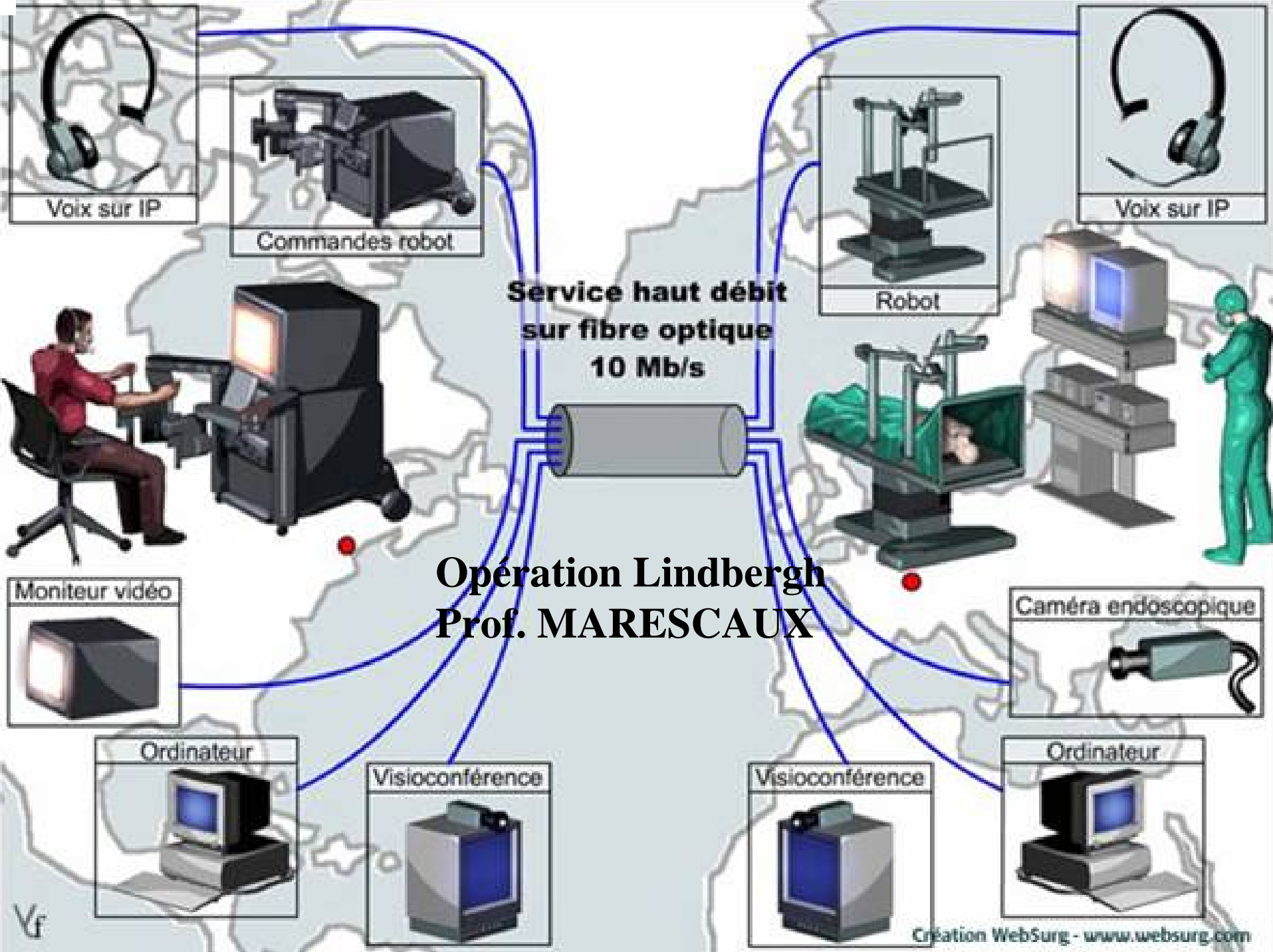
Tools-holder

LOCAL Desk

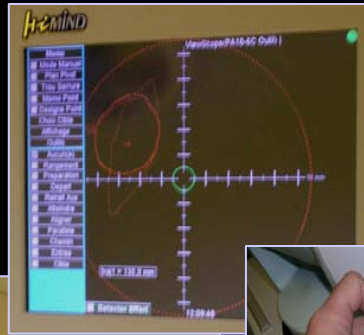
Demonstrator of robotic surgical tele-assistance

- The one-year tests are finished
- Lindbergh operation demonstrated that it's possible, but not easily and not daily
- The Armed Forces have an important interest with these techniques: we have to give the same quality of treatment to soldiers who are over seas, as if they are in France.
- We have to do animals trials and to miniaturize the system.



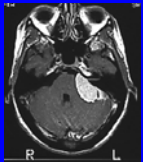
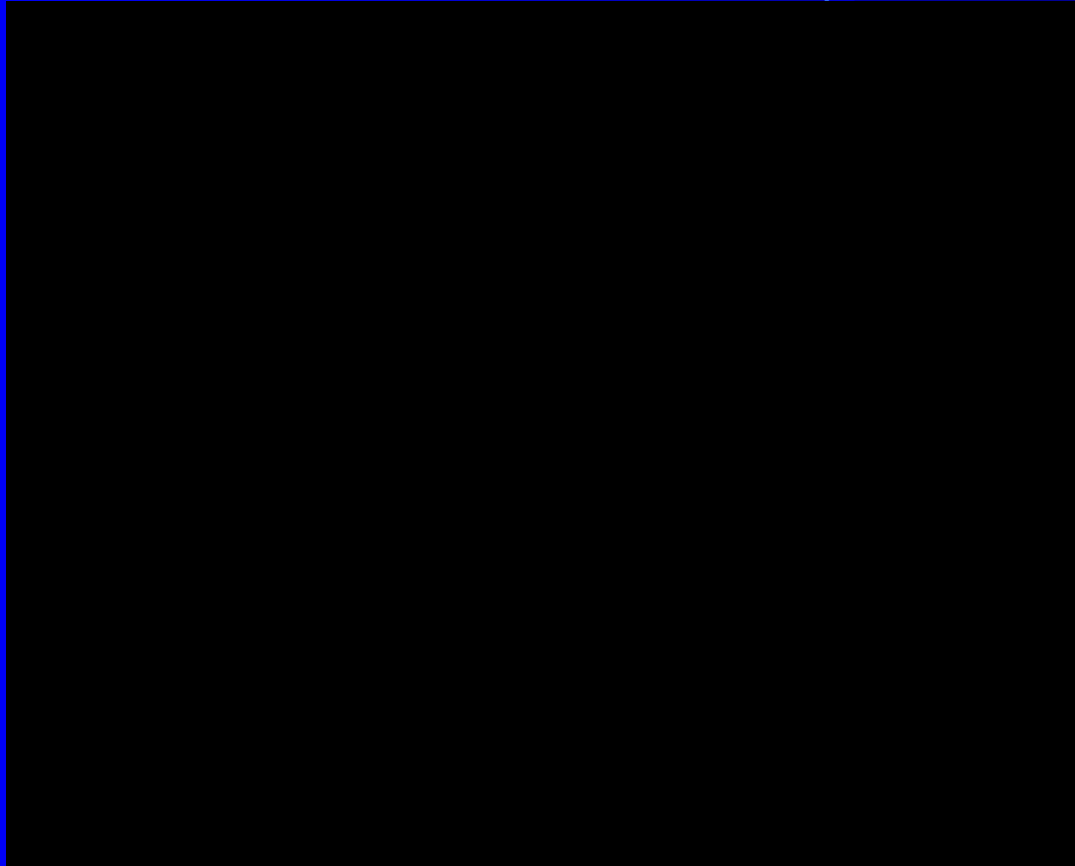


Tools-holder unit Operative Mode

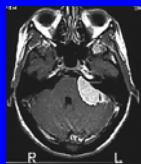
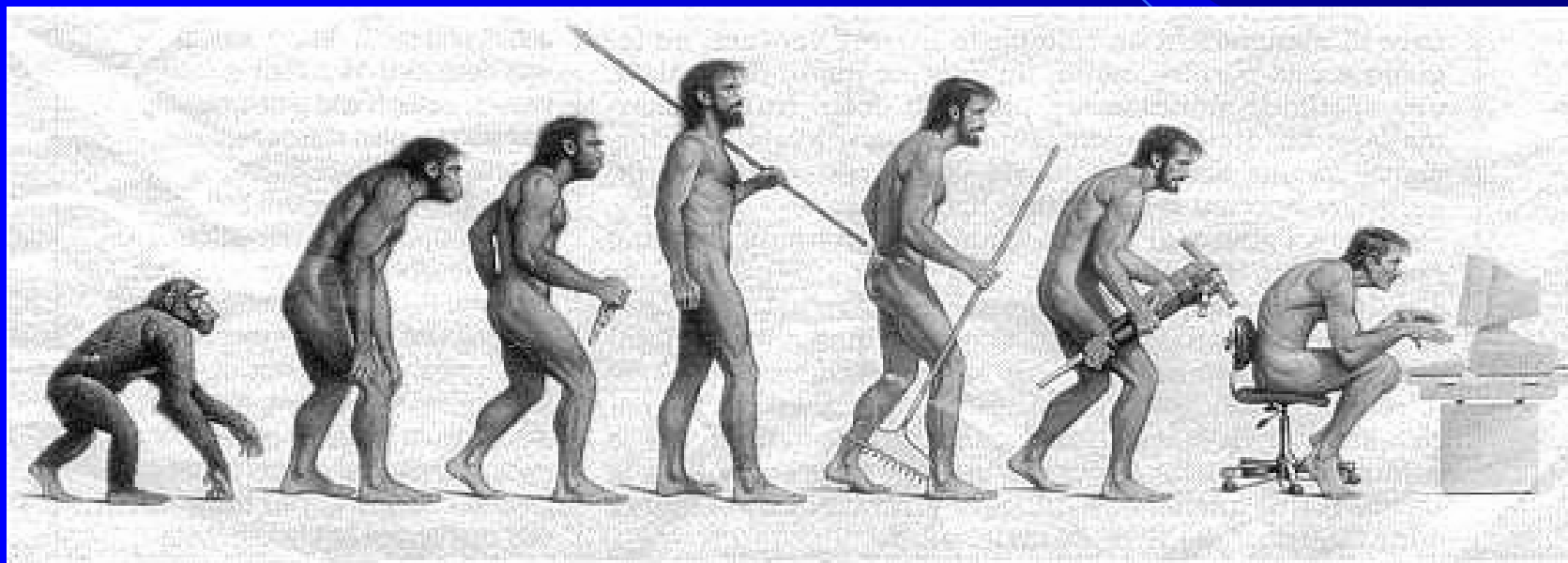




Trial of visioconference by satellite



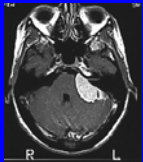
From barber to surgeon





ADVANTAGES

- Accuracy
- Repeat the same movement frequently
- Stability of the guide-tool
- Mentoring on virtual procedures
- Tele-assisted surgery, for surgeons who are in foreign countries, or on hospital boat



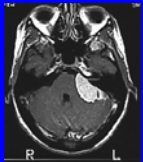
ADVANTAGES 2

Control the robot from the beach!!!

“ I had a dream”; a joke? May be, but why not?

DISADVANTAGES

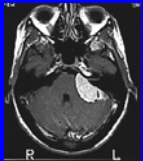
- The cost
- The learning-curve
- Durability: to deal with the sellers
- Increase the pre-operative time
- Miniaturisation is needed



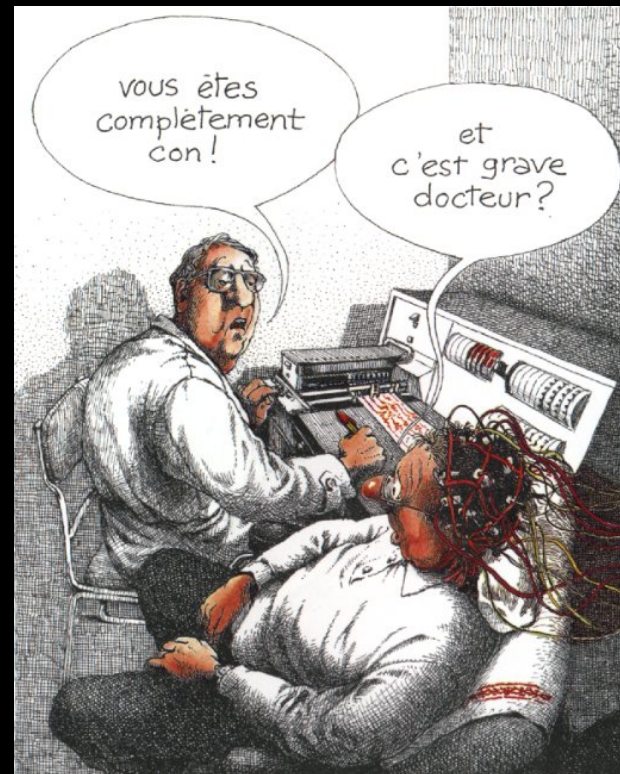
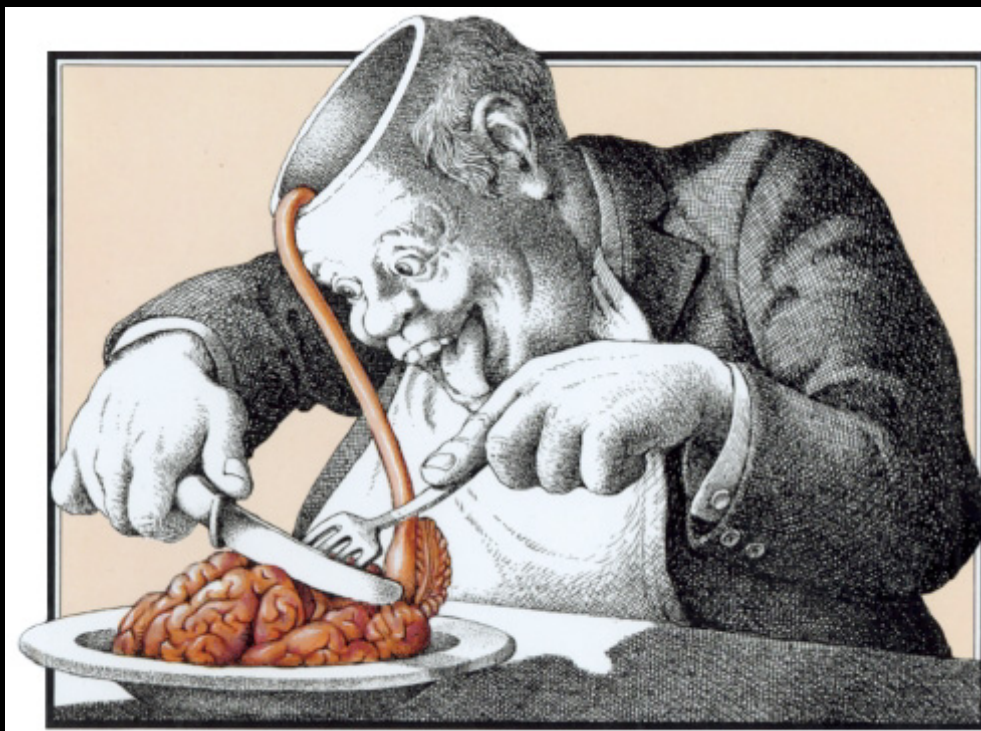
DISADVANTAGES

The most important one and the most difficult to eliminate:

To open the minds, before opening the skull for neurosurgeons; to convince surgeon to use it and that it's only a tool. Most of neurosurgeons think is useless at that time. We heard same thing 15 years ago with neuronavigation, minimal invasive surgery, keyhole concept, and 40 years ago with the microscope,...



Open the minds



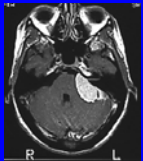
WHAT TO DO?

Progresses at the begins afraid:

We have to explain, convince, to change ours habits:
that's the challenge and also the difficulties...

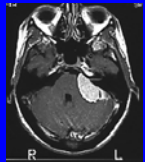
...and to keep always the control on ours tools:

That means to dominate the technique and not the
opposite.



CONCLUSION

- Primum non nocere
- Very exciting challenge
- Keep in mind we have to deal with good post-operative status and total removal
- Keep humble faces a surgery that continues to be dangerous, despite the important technological progresses



Future...

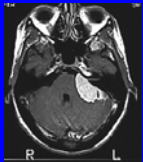


- Imaging progresses
- Robotic tools coupled with neuronavigation, per-operative MRI, FiberTracking,...

CONCLUSION

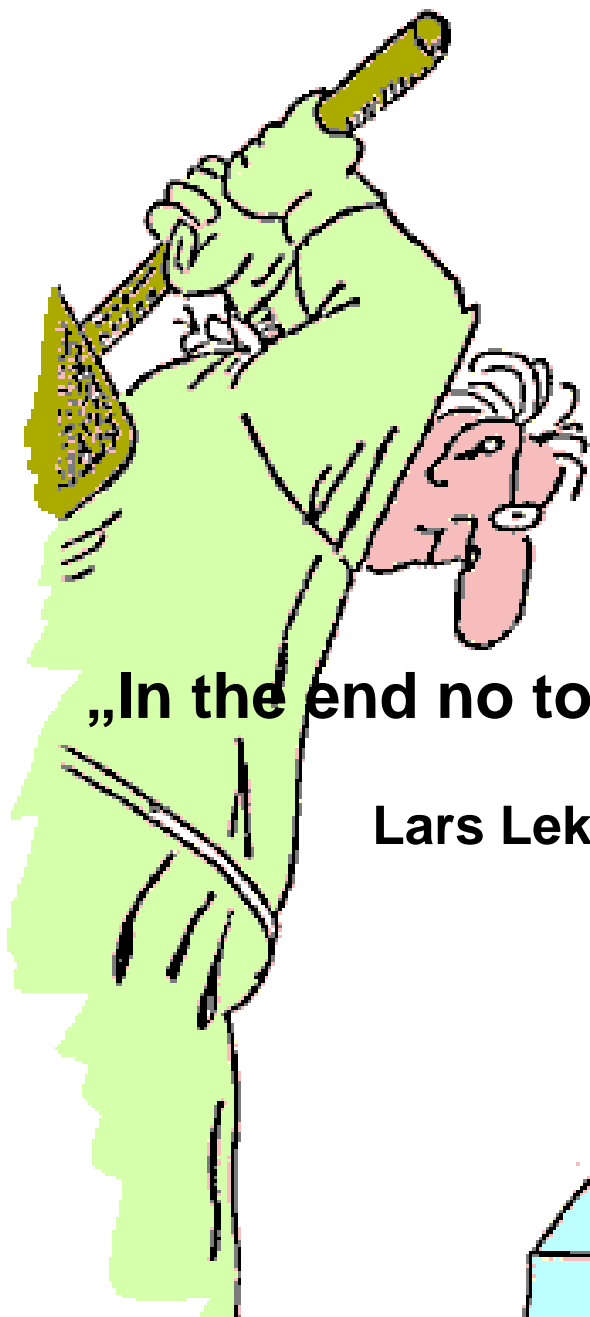
- We use **daily** neuronavigation
- Robotic surgery** will be the next step
- Star Wars, it's today, with a journey in the depth of the brain

It would be a step to develop **a neurosurgical simulator**
To teach the young neurosurgeons.



CLINIQUE DES JOYEUX CHIRURGIENS

La Vasectomie Facile...

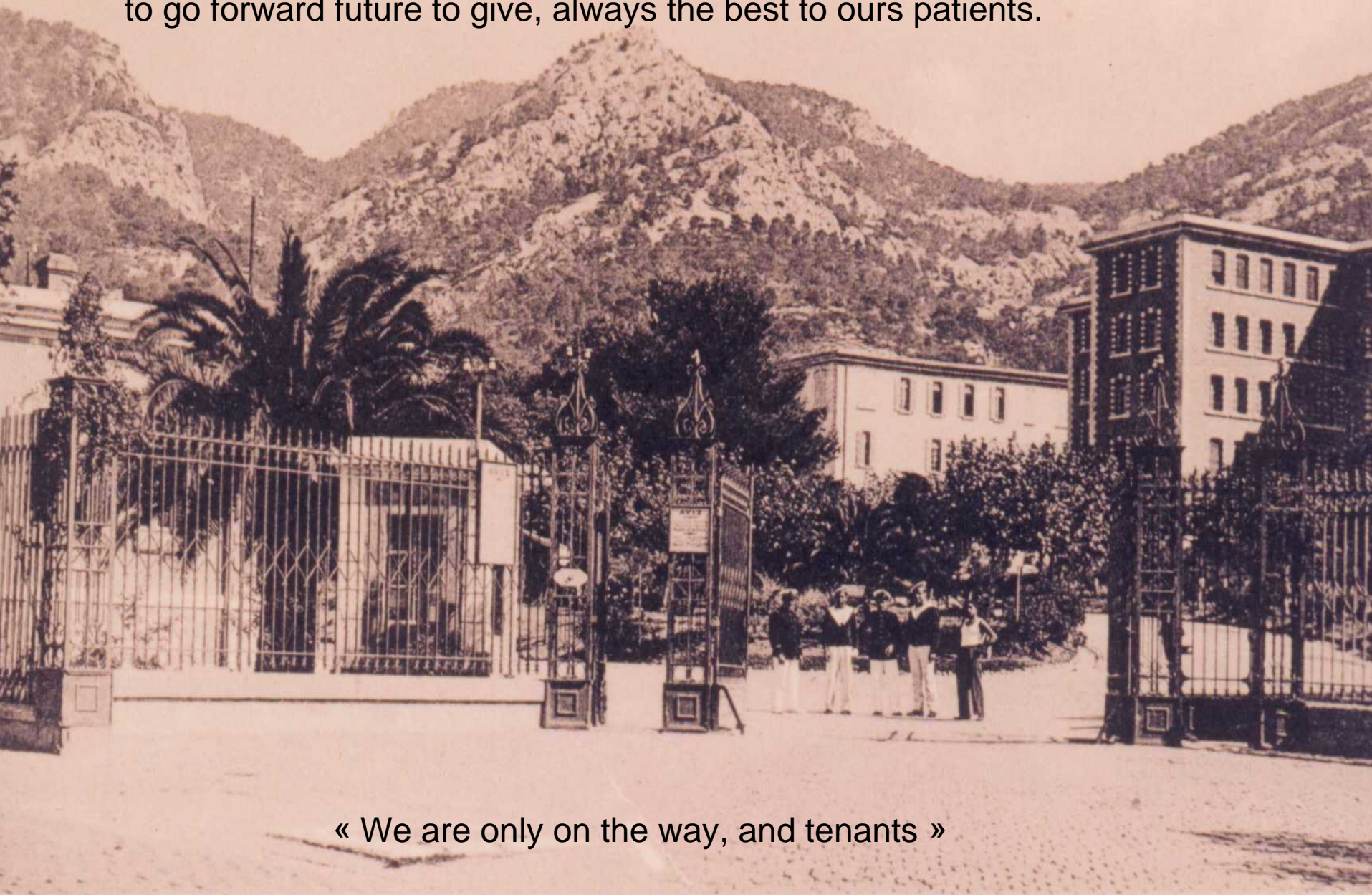


„In the end no tool is better than the hands which hold it.“

Lars Leksell 1982



Learn of the past and acquired experience
to go forward future to give, always the best to ours patients.



« We are only on the way, and tenants »

New OR HIA Sainte-Anne



Our future in 2 months, but the past for the future generations; we have to do the maintenance and upgrading of materials to give them the best at their time.



A first-person view from a fighter jet cockpit. The pilot's helmet and oxygen mask are in the foreground, reflecting the bright sky. Through the canopy, a fleet of fighter jets is visible in formation, flying over a vast blue sea. In the distance, a large aircraft carrier is visible on the horizon under a clear blue sky.

CONCLUSION

« Mari transve mare hominibus semper prodesse ».