

Cryptogenic brain abscess (CBA)

Some patients exhibit cryptogenic [brain abscess](#) (CBA) in the absence of any such congenital disease or other infections. [Patent foramen ovale](#) (PFO) is a very common disease that exhibits right-to-left shunt.

CBA might be caused by paradoxical embolization of a bacterial mass via PFO. Thus, more patients with CBA need to undergo [transesophageal echocardiography](#) (TEE) to detect PFO.

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