

Infratentorial Subdural empyema

Pure infratentorial [subdural empyema](#) is a rare occurrence. Development of clinical triad of [fever](#), [vomiting](#), and [headache](#) in cases of chronic suppurative [otitis media](#) (CSOM) suggest the intracranial spread of infective pathology. As this clinical triad is a harbinger of pyogenic meningitis, diagnostic cerebrospinal fluid studies are undertaken. Contrast CT scan should precede such a diagnostic test. As SDE along the tentorial surface may remain undetected in axial sections of CT scans, a lumbar puncture may precipitate fatal [tonsillar herniation](#) ¹⁾

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