

Computerized tomography (CT) remains the initial [neuroimaging](#) tool of choice for acute [Intracranial Hemorrhage Diagnosis](#) <sup>1)</sup>.

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A 60-year-old male presented to the [emergency department](#) with acute change in mental status while recovering from a recent [hemicraniectomy](#). During evaluation by the emergency physician, a point-of-care [ultrasound](#) (POCUS) was performed using the patient's existing craniectomy site as a sonographic window. Multiple areas of [intracranial hemorrhage](#) were visualized on POCUS and head computed tomography scan ultimately requiring urgent neurosurgical intervention. This case report demonstrates an innovative application of POCUS in the [emergency department](#)- setting that has potential to expedite diagnosis and management of life-threatening neurosurgical etiologies, such as hemorrhage and midline shift, in a unique patient population <sup>2)</sup>.

<sup>1)</sup>

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