

Toxoplasma abscess

CT/MRI findings in toxoplasma abscess

1. most common findings: large area (low density on CT) with mild to moderate edema, ring enhancement with IV contrast in 68% compatible with abscess (of those that did not ring-enhance, many showed hypodense areas with less mass effect, with slight enhancement adjacent to the lesion), well-circumscribed margins
2. most commonly located in [basal ganglia](#) are also often subcortical
3. often multiple (typically > 5 lesions) and bilateral
4. usually with little to moderate mass effect (in BG, may compress [third ventricle](#) and Sylvian aqueduct, causing obstructive hydrocephalus)
5. most patients with toxoplasmosis had evidence of cerebral atrophy

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