

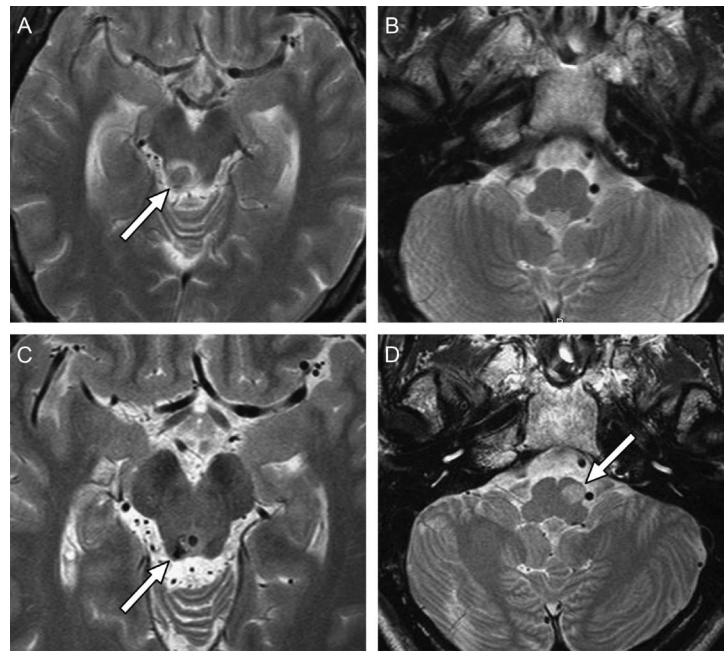
# Teaching Video NeuroImages: Micronystagmus of oculopalatal tremor



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**Figure** MRI, axial T2 sequences



Initially: right inferior colliculus hemorrhage (A, arrow) and normal inferior olivary nucleus (B). Three months later: resolution of hemorrhage (C, arrow) and left inferior olivary nucleus hyperintense signal (D, arrow).

Three months after brainstem hemorrhage, MRI revealed a hyperintense lesion of the left inferior olivary nucleus of a 45-year-old man (figure). The patient was completely asymptomatic, but exhibited oculopalatal tremor (OPT), rhythmic palatal oscillations, and small-amplitude vertical pendular nystagmus of the right eye, best visualized on fundus examination (see video).

OPT is caused by interruption of the inhibitory dentato-olivary pathway, resulting in synchronous oscillations of the olivary neurons. This pathway crosses the midbrain then descends to the contralateral inferior olivary nucleus.<sup>1,2</sup>

Asymptomatic OPT is rare. Micronystagmus can be overlooked with simple observation but is readily detected during fundus examination.

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