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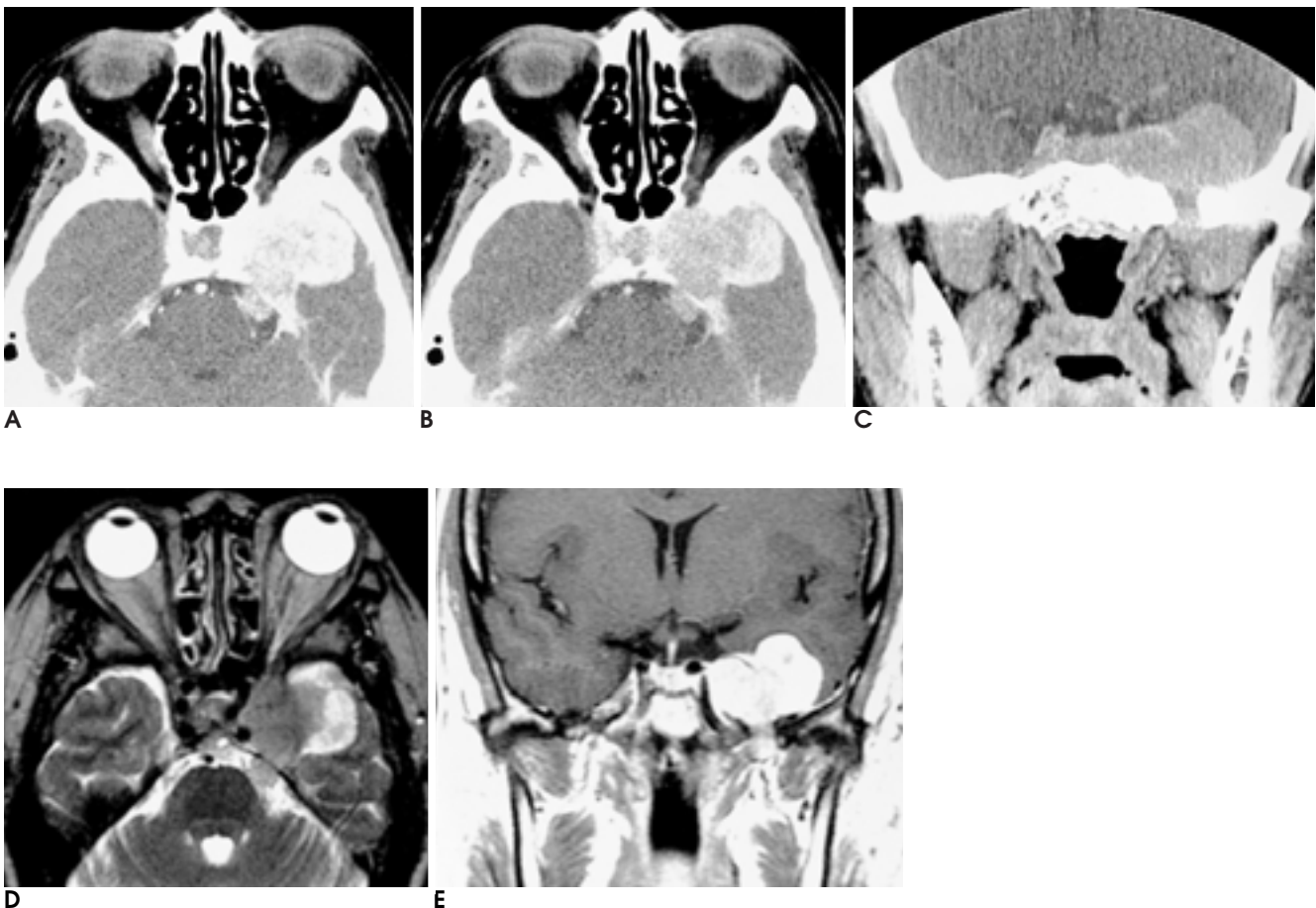
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**Fig. 1.** A 44-year-old woman with parasellar meningioma.

**A.** Axial early phase scan shows strong enhancement of the mass in the left parasellar area that invades Meckel's cave.

**B.** Axial late phase scan shows decrease in attenuation of the mass.

**C.** Coronal scan shows further decrease in attenuation of the mass that extends into the skull base through the foramen ovale.

**D.** Axial T2-weighted MR scan shows isointense mass with peripheral hyperintense portion.

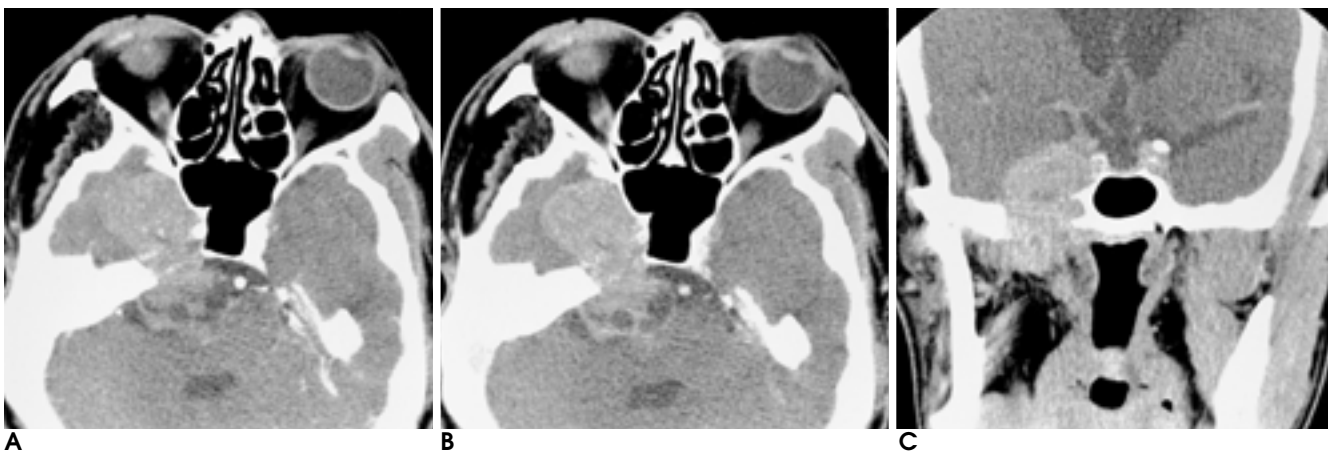
**E.** Coronal postcontrast T1-weighted MR scan shows strong enhancement of the mass that extends into skull base through the foramen ovale. MR features of the mass are similar to those of neurogenic tumors.

**Table 1.** Visual Assessment of Attenuation Changes of Various Tumors on Two-phase Helical CT Scans

	No. of tumors	Change in attenuation Early and delayed*			Delayed and coronal			Early and coronal		
		D <sup>†</sup>	N	I	D	N	I	D	N	I
Meningioma	17	17	0	0	17	0	0	17	0	0
Neurogenic tumor	5	0	0	5	0	2	3	0	0	5
Pituitary macroadenoma	6	0	6	0	2	4	0	2	4	0
Cavernous angioma	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Chondrosarcoma	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Osteosarcoma	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sphenoid carcinoma	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0

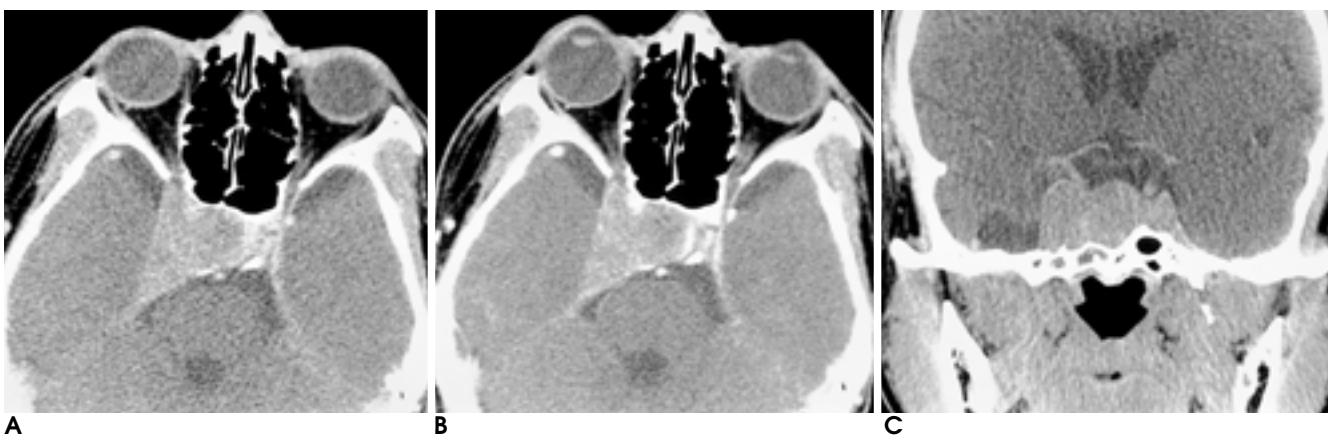
\*Early = early phase transverse scan, Delayed = delayed phase transverse scan, Coronal = coronal scan

<sup>†</sup>D = decreased, N = no change, I = increased.

**Fig. 2.** A 68-year-old man with parasellar Schwannoma.

**A.** Axial early phase scan shows dumbbell shaped mass in the right parasellar area. There is mild enhancement of the mass except for the non-enhancing peripheral cystic portion.

**B, C.** Axial delayed phase scan (**B**) and coronal scan (**C**) show increased enhancement of the mass that extends into the skull base through the foramen ovale.

**Fig. 3.** Pituitary macroadenoma in a 30-year-old man.

**A.** Axial early phase scan shows homogenous moderate enhancement of the mass at the right sella, cavernous sinus, and Meckel's cave.

**B, C.** Axial late phase (**B**) and coronal scan (**C**) shows no significant change in attenuation of the mass.



**Fig. 4.** A 56-year-old woman with parasellar cavernous angioma.

**A.** Axial early phase scan shows peripheral nodular enhancement of the mass.

**B.** Axial late phase scan shows central filling-in enhancement of the mass.

**C.** Coronal delayed scan shows homogenously strong enhancement of the mass that is similar to a meningioma.

**Table 2.** CT Numbers and Ratios of CT Numbers of Various Tumors at Each Phase on Two-phase Helical CT Scan

	CT number*			Ratio	
	Early <sup>†</sup>	Delayed	Coronal	Delayed/Early	Coronal/Early
Meningioma	105.0 ± 38.7	81.4 ± 22.1	59.5 ± 13.2	0.80 ± 0.11	0.60 ± 0.12
Neurogenic tumor	49.8 ± 11.5	64.8 ± 6.3	71.4 ± 5.3	1.34 ± 0.22	1.50 ± 0.38
Pituitary macroadenoma	64.5 ± 12.3	64.2 ± 13.0	58.5 ± 6.7	0.97 ± 0.08	0.89 ± 0.14
Cavernous angioma	60	80	90	1.33	1.5
Chondrosarcoma	35	55	107	1.57	3.06
Osteosarcoma	67	99	75	1.48	1.12
Sphenoid carcinoma	86	85	80	0.99	0.93

\*Data are the mean ± SD.

<sup>†</sup>Early = early phase transverse scan, Delayed = delayed phase transverse scan, Coronal = coronal scan

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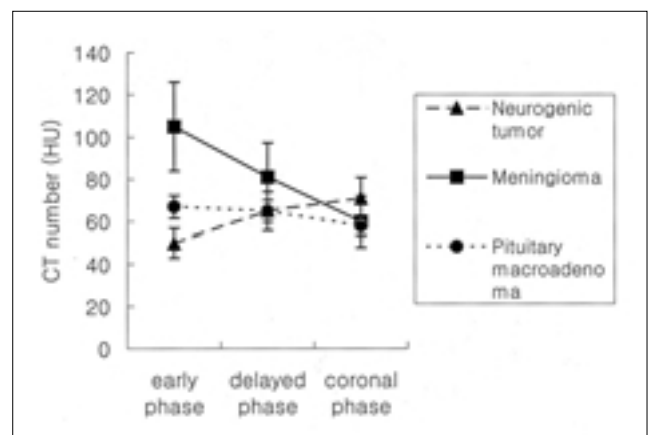
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**Fig. 5.** Time-attenuation curves for meningiomas (n=17), neurogenic tumor (n=5), and pituitary macroadenomas (n=6). Meningiomas show a strong enhancement at early phase with a decrease of attenuation at delayed phase and coronal scans, while schwannomas show a pattern of delayed enhancement. In pituitary macroadenomas, the degree of enhancement show no significant change among three phases. Error bars indicate SDs.

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## Analysis of Enhancement Pattern of Sellar and Parasellar Tumors Using Two-Phase Helical CT<sup>1</sup>

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**Purpose:** To assess the enhancement patterns of sellar and parasellar tumors at two-phase helical CT.

**Materials and Methods:** Thirty-two patients with pathologically proven sellar and parasellar tumors [meningioma (n=17), pituitary macroadenoma (n=6), neurogenic tumor (n=5), cavernous angioma (n=1), chondrosarcoma (n=1), osteosarcoma (n=1), sphenoid carcinoma (n=1)] were included in this study. Two-phase helical CT was performed after the injection of 90 mL of contrast material at a rate of 3 mL/sec. Transverse helical CT scans were obtained during the early and late phases, with scanning delays of 30 and 120 seconds, respectively. Delayed coronal images were obtained after delayed axial images. Attenuation change and the enhancement patterns of the tumors were visually assessed; the former was also assessed quantitatively as the ratio of the CT number at late-phase axial and coronal scanning to that at early-phase scanning.

**Results:** Visual assessment of two-phase helical CT images revealed decreased attenuation in all 17 meningiomas, no change in all six pituitary macroadenomas and increased attenuation in 5 all five neurogenic tumors on late-phase axial scans as compared with early phase scans. Coronal images showed decreased attenuation in all 17 meningiomas, increased attenuation in all five neurogenic tumors and no change in four pituitary macroadenomas (66.7%). The ratio of CT numbers was significantly different between meningiomas, neurogenic tumors and pituitary macroadenomas ( $p < 0.05$ ).

**Conclusion:** According to their histopathology, sellar and parasellar tumors showed characteristic enhancement patterns at two-phase helical CT. An analysis of the observed enhancement patterns can be useful in the differential diagnosis of juxtaseellar tumors.

**Index words :** Computed tomography (CT), helical technology  
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