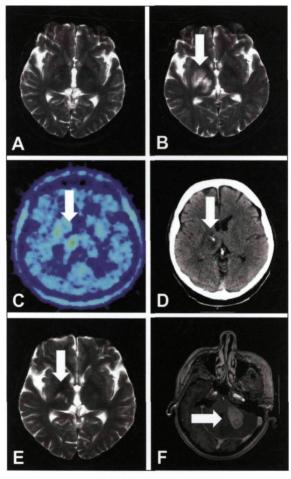


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Figure: Imaging studies: When the patient reported first clinical symptoms the cerebral MR scan was normal (A); few months later, a hyperintense lesion on T2 was detectable (B, arrow), which revealed increased metabolism on PET scan (C); stereotactic surgery was performed (D); post biopsy CCT, titan marker visible); follow-up MRIs were stable for years (E); two years after the first biopsy new lesions on MRI were seen (F).

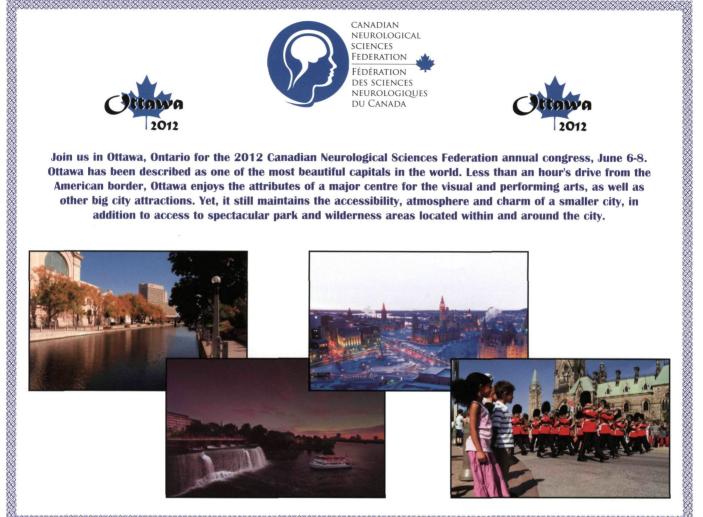
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