Introduction

Tornwaldt’s Cyst is an infrequent type of nasopharyngeal cyst. Often seen in asymptomatic subjects, this rare entity was first described by Tornwaldt in 1885. It is characterized by a cystic mass within the nasopharynx, typically located near the skull base, which regresses towards the posterior wall.

Case Report

A 26-year-old female presented to the office with left retro-orbital pain of 2 months duration. The pain was constant and severe. MRI imaging clearly demonstrated a cyst in the posterior nasopharynx (Figure 1). Pathology confirmed a Tornwaldt’s cyst. The patient then underwent endoscopic drainage of the cyst. The patient’s severe left retro-orbital pain completely resolved.

Discussion

Tornwaldt’s cyst is a rare benign lesion that may present with a variety of symptoms. In this case, the patient presented with isolated left retro-orbital pain, which resolved after endoscopic drainage of the cyst.

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