

A 22 year old man with no known medical, neurological, or psychiatric problems is brought to the emergency room after a motor vehicle accident. Paramedics report that at the scene of the accident, the patient had a Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) score of 11, but that en route to the hospital he had deteriorated rapidly from a cognitive and behavioral standpoint. His GCS is now 5, and his blood alcohol level is found to be above the legal limit. There is no other evidence of skull fracture, significant facial injury, injury, or multitrauma although he has a few rib fractures. He is intubated upon arrival to the emergency room. A CT scan of the brain is performed immediately upon his arrival, and demonstrates a large left subdural hematoma.