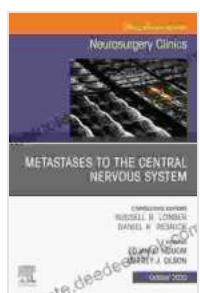


Metastases to the Central Nervous System: An Issue of Neurosurgery Clinics of North America

Metastasis to the central nervous system (CNS) is a common and devastating complication of cancer. The incidence of CNS metastasis has been increasing in recent years, due in part to advances in systemic cancer therapy and earlier detection of primary tumors. CNS metastasis can occur in any part of the brain or spinal cord, and can cause a variety of symptoms, including headaches, seizures, focal neurologic deficits, and altered mental status.

Diagnosis

The diagnosis of CNS metastasis is typically made with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). MRI is a non-invasive imaging technique that provides detailed images of the brain and spinal cord. MRI can be used to identify the location and size of the metastasis, and to rule out other conditions that may be causing the patient's symptoms.



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Treatment

The treatment of CNS metastasis depends on a number of factors, including the type of primary tumor, the location and size of the metastasis, and the patient's overall health. Treatment options include surgery, radiation therapy, and chemotherapy.

Surgery is the primary treatment for CNS metastasis. Surgery can be used to remove the metastasis, or to debulk the metastasis and relieve pressure on the brain or spinal cord.

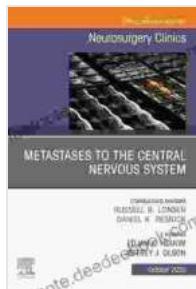
Radiation therapy is another common treatment for CNS metastasis. Radiation therapy uses high-energy radiation to kill cancer cells. Radiation therapy can be delivered to the entire brain or spinal cord, or to a specific area of the brain or spinal cord.

Chemotherapy is a type of drug treatment that is used to kill cancer cells. Chemotherapy can be given orally or intravenously.

Prognosis

The prognosis for patients with CNS metastasis is generally poor. The median survival time for patients with CNS metastasis is less than one year. However, the prognosis can vary depending on a number of factors, including the type of primary tumor, the location and size of the metastasis, and the patient's overall health.

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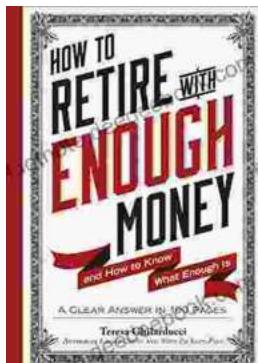
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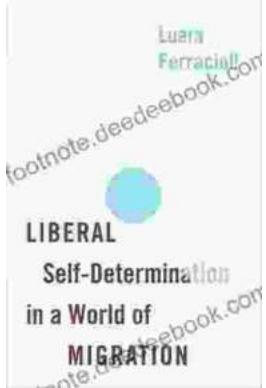
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