

**A VEGETARIAN WITH NEUROCYSTICERCOSIS**

*To the Editor:*

Thank you for the excellent case report on neurocysticercosis published in the January 2005 issue of *Hospital Physician*.<sup>1</sup> I wish to add a description of a case of neurocysticercosis that took place in India. A 20-year-old woman developed unusual movements of her left arm associated with intermittent headaches. The patient was a vegetarian who had never eaten pork. She was evaluated by a neurologist, and a computed tomographic (CT) scan of her head revealed a ring-enhancing lesion in the right parietal lobe with minimal edema surrounding it. Results of serologic testing of her spinal fluid were negative. She was treat-

ed with albendazole, and on serial follow-up CT scans, her lesion decreased in size and nearly disappeared.

The point I am making is that it is important to keep the diagnosis of neurocysticercosis in mind, even in vegetarians, and especially in children from developing countries where sanitation may be inadequate.

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