

Case of Hashimoto`s encephalopathy under mask of another diagnosis

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Objective: demonstration of the importance of "orphan alertness" in everyday medical practice in the diagnosis of orphan diseases. In recent years the frequency of diagnosis of Hashimoto`s encephalopathy had begun to increase due to awareness of doctors. Under our supervision was the female of 1986 birth. From the anamnesis it was known that during the last few years she had repeated ischemic strokes with good clinical recovery. She was treated in three clinics in Ukraine and in one clinic in Germany with the diagnosis: "antiphospholipid syndrome", but in Germany this diagnosis was with a question mark. As a result of our in-depth study of anamnestic data, it was found that the patient during recent years had been treated by endocrinologist with diagnosis: "autoimmune thyroiditis", her levels of antibodies to thyroperoxidase had been increased from hundreds of times at the onset of the disease till ten times at the time of our assessment. The levels of thyroid hormones were within normal limits and so that the treatment of autoimmune thyroiditis had been stopped by endocrinologist. As a result of detailed study of medical records and exclusion of other possible diagnoses had been diagnosed Hashimoto`s encephalopathy. Conclusions: 1. In the everyday medical practice should be "orphan alertness" for the timely diagnosis of orphan diseases, which often masked under other diagnoses. 2. Should be closer cooperation between specialists for diagnosis of rare diseases.