

Angioblastoma in the cervical segment of the spinal cord in a 50-year old patient with peripheral symptoms - case report

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Introduction: CNS imaging examinations with the use of the electromagnetic field in patients with a cardiac pacemaker still generate controversies in Poland though these examinations are routinely performed in the USA. Patient: The report presents a 50-year old female patient with an implanted cardiac pacemaker, with a 1-year history of aggravation of symptoms seemingly linked to peripheral nervous system injury. In accordance with procedures foreseen for CIED patients, an MRI was performed. The MRI revealed the presence of a tumor in the cervical region of the spinal cord - angioblastoma. Discussion: Angioblastoma is a rare, slowly growing benign tumor developing usually in the posterior cranial cavity and spinal cord. The patient's case shows what variable an array of symptoms and signs intraspinal changes angioblastoma can generate, what great a role MRI can play in the diagnostic procedure and in planning a surgical intervention, also in the growing number of CIED patients.