Neurology

Worsening vertigo and unsteadiness in an adult

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A 48 year old previously well woman presented with three year history of progressively worsening vertigo and unsteadiness. She complained of early morning headaches, which worsened whenever she stooped forwards.

Her gait was wide based and Romberg's test was positive. She had horizontal nystagmus on looking to the left. There was bilateral papilloedema. No other neurological abnormalities were found.

The enhanced CT scan of her brain is shown (fig 1).

QUESTIONS

- (1) Describe the CT scan findings; what are the possible diagnoses?
- (2) What do you think is the most probable diagnosis and what inves-

tigation would help you to reach that diagnosis?

- (3) What is the treatment for this condition?

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Figure 1 Enhanced CT scan of the brain.