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ABSTRACT. Headaches are an entity with several presentations and can represent a series of polymorphic pathologies that affect the CNS: infectious process within the CNS or elsewhere, occupying masses in the CNS, entities such as migraines and even emotional or psychological afflictions. Despite their frequency, many times headaches are under diagnosed, and required of an adequate physical exam and a good clinical history for the correct appreciation of the problem, diagnostic orientation and a justified selection of studies that should help in clarify the problem, and defined treatment. A delay in focusing on the problem, an omission in the clinical history or physical examination or wrongly use of auxiliary diagnostics tests could be the difference that completely changed the prognosis of the patient under our care.

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