

CLINICAL AND RADIOGRAPHIC SIGNS SUGGESTING AN ALTERNATIVE DIAGNOSIS TO MS

Clinical presentation	Radiographic findings
Bilateral optic neuritis	Normal MRI
Complete transverse myelopathy	Symmetrically distributed lesions
Encephalopathy	Poorly defined lesions
Subacute cognitive decline	Large lesion in center of corpus callosum
Headache/meningismus	Simultaneous enhancement of all lesions ^a
Isolated fatigue	Infarcts
Constitutional symptoms	Isolated lesion with ring enhancement ^a
Intractable nausea, vomiting, hiccups	Longitudinally extensive spinal cord lesion
^a Although these suggest an alternative diagnosis, a first attack or clinically isolated syndrome (CIS) can also occur with all lesions enhancing or a single lesion that is enhancing.	

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