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Acute necrotizing encephalopathy of childhood

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Source

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Acute necrotizing encephalopathy of childhood is a rare neurologic disease characterized by a rapid onset of seizures, an altered state of consciousness, neurologic decline, and variable degrees of hepatic dysfunction following a respiratory or gastrointestinal infection (e.g. mycoplasma, influenza virus) in a previously healthy child. Brain MRI of patients reveals bilateral, multiple, symmetrical lesions predominantly observed in thalami and brainstem, but also in periventricular white matter and cerebellum in some cases.