

Summary

A 65 years old gentleman, father of three children, not diagnosed of any psychiatric illness, had a history of weakness of right side of the body for which he took native treatment; he was transferred to the National Institute of Mental Health for further management of forgetfulness with abnormal behavioral symptoms for six month duration and chronic alcohol abuse. He has been arrested for alleged possession of illicit alcohol and deemed unfit to plead at the court. Non contrast computed tomography scan of the brain revealed massive bifrontal lobe infarction and he was diagnosed of vascular dementia and long term rehabilitation at psychogeriatric ward was recommended. Care giver burden, financial difficulties, functional dependency, poor knowledge of the disease in patient and the family, risk of malnutrition and risk to himself and others, deemed unfit to plead at court are major issues identified. Psychoeducation including home environmental modifications was done for the family if the visitors' board decides to send him home.