Miliary tuberculosis presenting as headache in pregnancy

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Tuberculosis is an infectious disease caused by the bacillus Mycobacterium tuberculosis, and the Philippines remains on the top rank of countries with high disease burden of tuberculosis. Dissemination of the disease is common in immunocompromised patients, but pregnancy itself rarely causes severe immunocompromise to cause dissemination. This is a case of a 29-year-old primigravid at the 27th week of pregnancy who presented with fever and persistent headache. Chest x-ray findings noted miliary tuberculosis and cranial magnetic resonance imaging reported multiple parenchymal tuberculomas. Anti-Koch's therapy as recommended by the WHO was initiated, and clinical resolution of symptoms was noted within 4 weeks.

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