



## PİTÜİTER APOPLEKSİ

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### TANIM

Pitüiter Apopleksi (PA); hipofiz bezinde enfarktüs ve/veya kanamaya bağlı olarak baş ağrısı, görme bozukluğu ve bilinç değişikliği ile karakterize bir sendromdur (1).

### TARİHÇE

Pearce Bailey, 1898'de ilk hipofiz tümörü ilişkili kanama vakasını tanımlamıştır. İkinci tanım, 1905 yılında genç bir akromegalik hastada hemorajik hipofiz enfarktüsü otopsisi olgusudur. Ancak hem nekroz hem de hipofiz tümörlerinde kanamaya atıfta bulunan hipofiz apopleksi terimi ilk olarak 1950'de Brougham ve ark. tarafından kullanılmıştır (2, 3).

### EPİDEMİYOLOJİ

Pitüiter apopleksi tüm hipofiz adenomlarının %0,6 ila %10'unda görülebilen bir komplikasyondur (4). Erkeklerde daha sık görülür, genel insidans 6,2/100 000'dir (5). Modern zaman serilerinde %0 ila %15,3 mortalite bildirilmektedir (6, 7). Hastaların çoğu 37-58 yaş aralığındadır(8). Vakaların %75'ten fazlasında apopleksi sırasında hipofiz tümörü tanısı bilinmemektedir (3).

### ETİYOLOJİ

Pitüiter apopleksi vakalarında genellikle altta yatan bir hipofiz adenomu bulunur. Olguların çoğunda hastalar tümörden habersizdir (9). Pitüiter apopleksi kla-

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