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This presentation will describe a routine neurosurgical procedure that took an unexpected turn. We will walk through the case from the moment everything appeared normal to the point where the situation shifted unexpectedly, highlighting the subtle and not so subtle clues that signaled trouble. To establish context, the session will begin with an overview of the patient, the surgical plan, and the intraoperative environment. From there, we will outline the specific issue that arose, including the anesthetic indicators that suggested something was wrong. Audience participation will be encouraged as we pause to discuss the developing scenario, gather perspectives, and explore differential considerations in real time.

We will then review the course of action taken both intraoperatively and postoperatively, including the immediate stabilization steps. Finally, we will conclude with what we ultimately suspected the underlying issue to be, reflecting on how the event shaped our understanding of risk, recognition, and response during neurosurgical procedures.