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## E-Pearl of the Week

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### Fatal gastroenteritis

Cerebellar stroke may present with nausea, vomiting and truncal ataxia without weakness or limb ataxia, and progress within hours to coma and respiratory arrest due to brainstem compression (what C. Miller Fisher has called “fatal gastroenteritis”). For this reason, no patient with nausea and vomiting should be allowed to leave the emergency room unless they can walk steadily. This should also be considered when consulting on non-ambulatory, medically ill in patients with sudden nausea and vomiting who cannot be moved from their bed.

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