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One more observation is that there is inhomogeneity of the image signal in the RARE, which the T2 and ADC scans can mitigate to some degree. This is especially clear from Yale data, since they use a surface coil, so the RARE has some dropout in the temporal lobe, which the `adc_rate` and `t2_rate` can fill out to some degree. Attached are some example images of all the contrasts from each site, in case they are helpful.

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