

CNS tumors

CNS III

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glioma
infiltrative
origin →
expt (CSF)
ependymoma

- ▶ Invasion, "but no metastases", occurs in most intra-axial tumors, regardless of tumor grade
- ▶ However, some spread through the CSF
- ▶ Some low grade gliomas dedifferentiate to higher grade.
- ▶ Complete surgical resection - doubtful even for tumors at the 'benign' end of spectrum

Presentation: Localizing signs

\pm \uparrow ICP

Generalized

*Two sets
function used*

▶ Assessment:

▶ History

▶ Physical examination

▶ Neurologic exam

▶ LP (including cytology)

▶ CT

▶ MRI

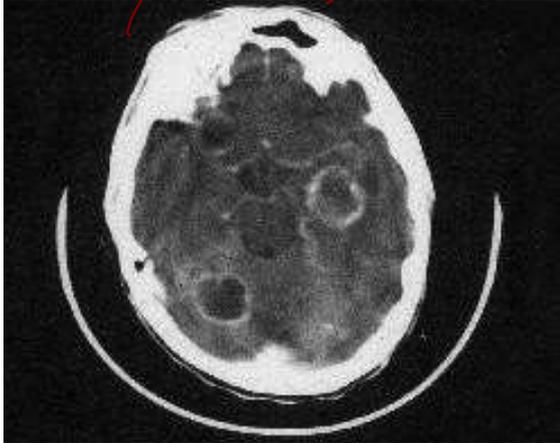
▶ Brain angiography

▶ Biopsy

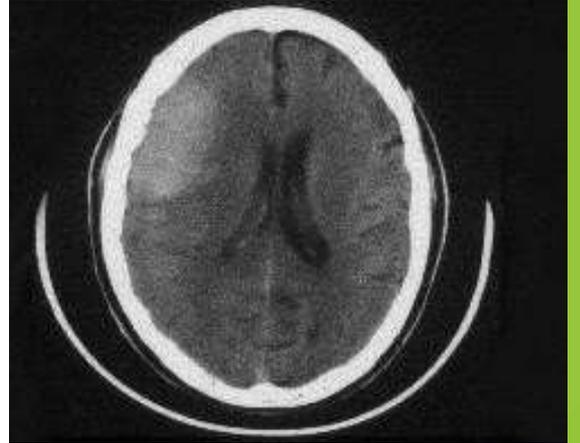
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→ Rarely use
lymphoma
leukemia
(in children)
to treatment*

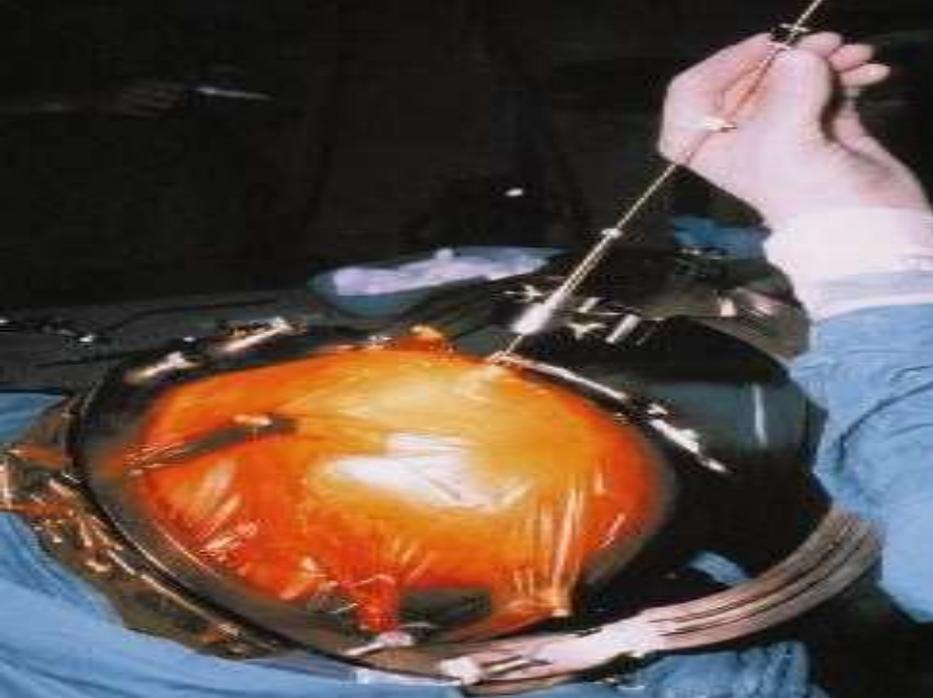
*Defensive
diagnosis
(Histopathology)*

→ multiple lesion
GPM (gran & glia)
met's



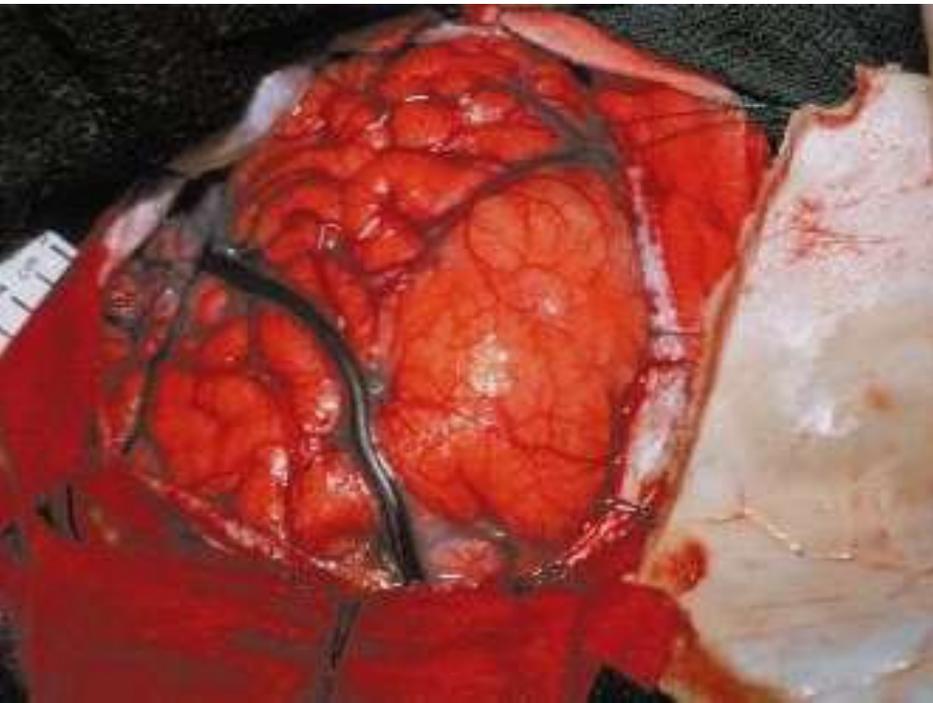
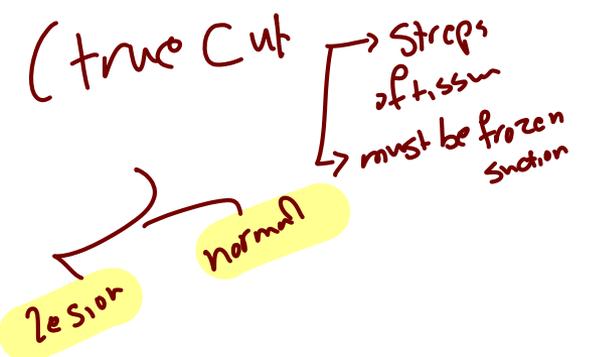
Ringenhauung
lesion → malign
or has Abscess



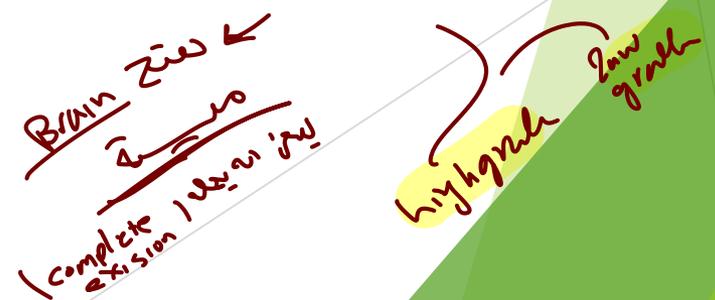


types of Biopsy-

▪ Stereotactic Biopsy



• Craniotomy



Primary Tumors - Etiology

تومور
موسست

- ▶ **Radiation:** Often 5-25 years after treatment of pituitary adenoma or craniopharyngioma
- ▶ **Cell phones:** Mobile phones use electromagnetic radiation.
- ▶ In 2011, International Agency for research on Cancer (IARC) has classified mobile phone as possibly carcinogenic.
- ▶ That means that there "could be some risk" of carcinogenicity.

Primary Tumors - Etiology

(2023)

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- ▶ Inherited familial tumor syndromes : most AD linked to tumor suppressor gene inactivation
- ▶ Neurofibromatosis Type I & Type II - Variety of CNS & peripheral nerve tumors ± other systemic manifestations
- ▶ Tuberous sclerosis - CNS hamartomas, astrocytoma, subependymoma (TUBERS), extracerebral lesions including benign skin lesions, renal tumors....etc
- ▶ Von Hippel-Lindau - hemangioblastoma, renal carcinoma, renal cysts .. etc
- ▶ Li-Fraumeni - inherited p53 mutation □ glioma, many types of tumors
- ▶ Immunosuppression

Angiomyolipoma
in kidney
(FB) also 5/8
→ Pleural tumor
CNS tumor

Classifications:

- ▶ Classified according to cell of origin & degree of differentiation. However, slowly growing entities may undergo transformation into more aggressive tumors.
- ▶ WHO grading system: Important for treatment

→ grade

Plasmacytoma
mult. f. of my
↙

~ 1%
medullary plasmoma
always a grade four
pernicious tumor
aggressive malignant
Fatal Disease

Classification of NS Tumors:

1- Gliomas:

- ▶ Astrocytoma & variants
- ▶ Oligodendroglioma
- ▶ Ependymoma

2- Neuronal Tumors

- ▶ Central neurocytoma
- ▶ Ganglioglioma
- ▶ Dysembryoplastic neuroepithelial tumor
↳ Benign

3- Embryonal (Primitive) Neoplasms

- ▶ Medulloblastoma

Primitive
aggressive
Pediatric



4- Other Parenchymal Tumors:

- ▶ Primary CNS Lymphoma
- ▶ Germ Cell Tumors
(test/ova)

hypodense CT
نصف الكثافة
في الأجزاء
الداخلية

5- Meningiomas

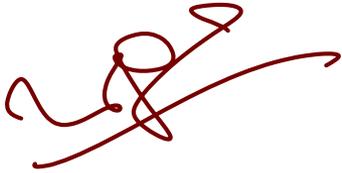
6- Nerve Sheath Tumors:

- ▶ Schwannoma
- ▶ Neurofibroma

7- Metastatic Tumors

2 in adult

Most common intracranial tumors in adults:



- 1- Metastatic
- 2- Glioblastoma multiforme (GBM)
- 3- Anaplastic astrocytoma
- 4- Meningioma

Most common intracranial tumors in children:

- 1- Astrocytoma (Benign)
- 2- Medulloblastoma
- 3- Ependymoma

ASTROCYTOMA

- ▶ **Commonest glioma (glial tumor)**
- ▶ **Different types**
- ▶ **Different age groups**
- ▶ **Many mutations especially in p53, RB, PI3K, IDH-1 & IDH-2**
- ▶ **Positive immunostaining for IDH1 is important in identifying low grade**
- ▶ **Ki-67 usually** done for all cases (it's mitosis labeling index)

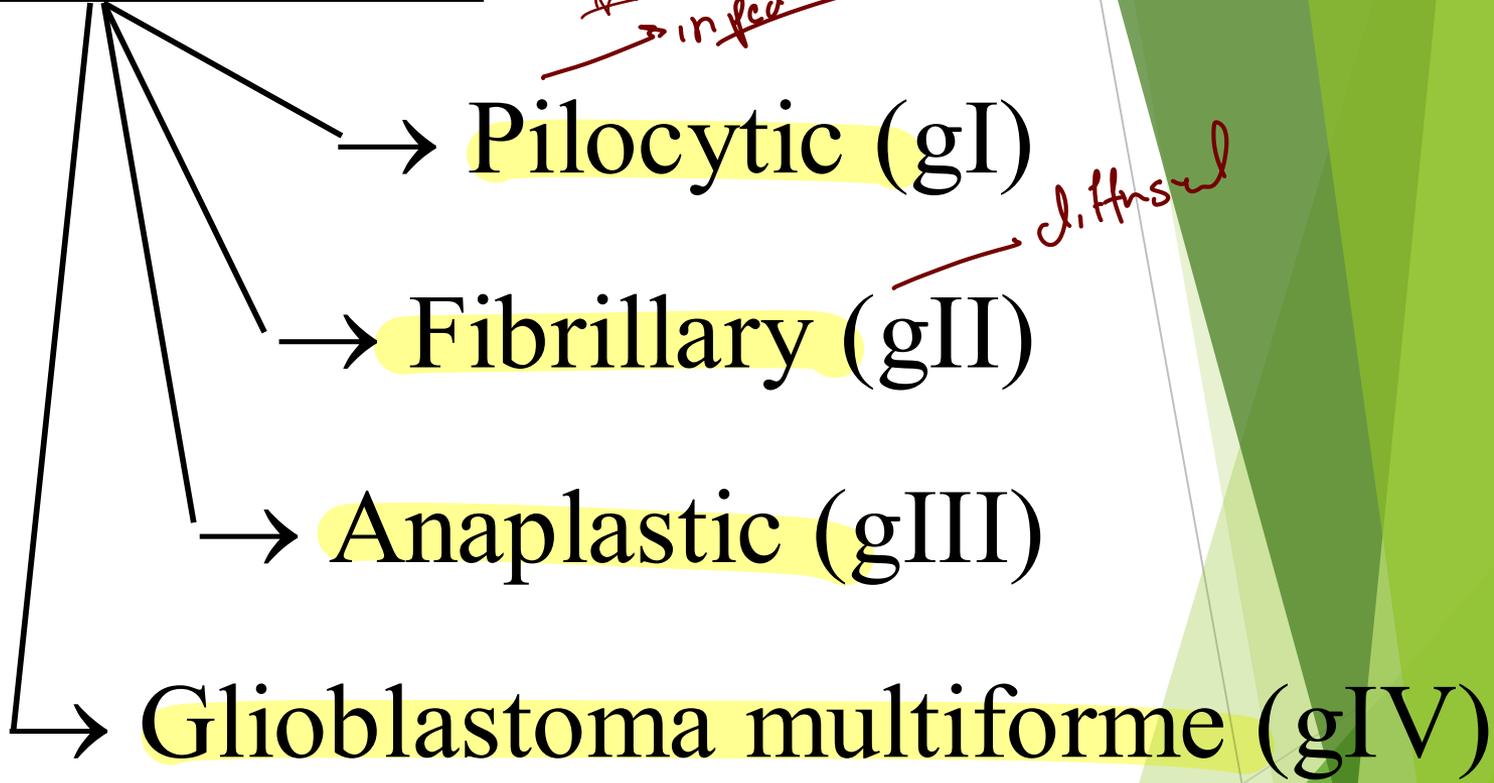
is score ←
about proliferation index

- oligo → grade II/III
- ependyma → grade II/III
glioma = IV
MP = grade IV

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(K)

Glioma
Astrocytomas:



infective (cystic mass with mural nodule)

diffuse

*ovoid
(grad 4)*

Necrosis

► Gross Appearance:

► Solid or cystic

► \pm calcification →

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DG

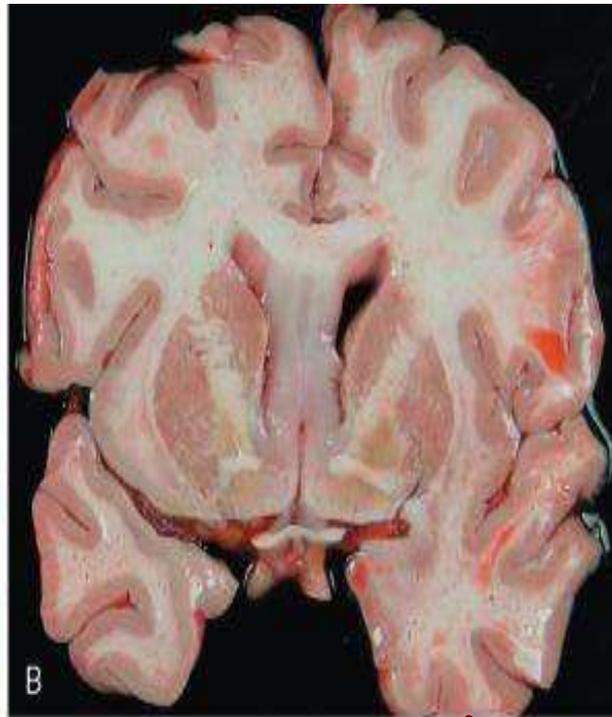
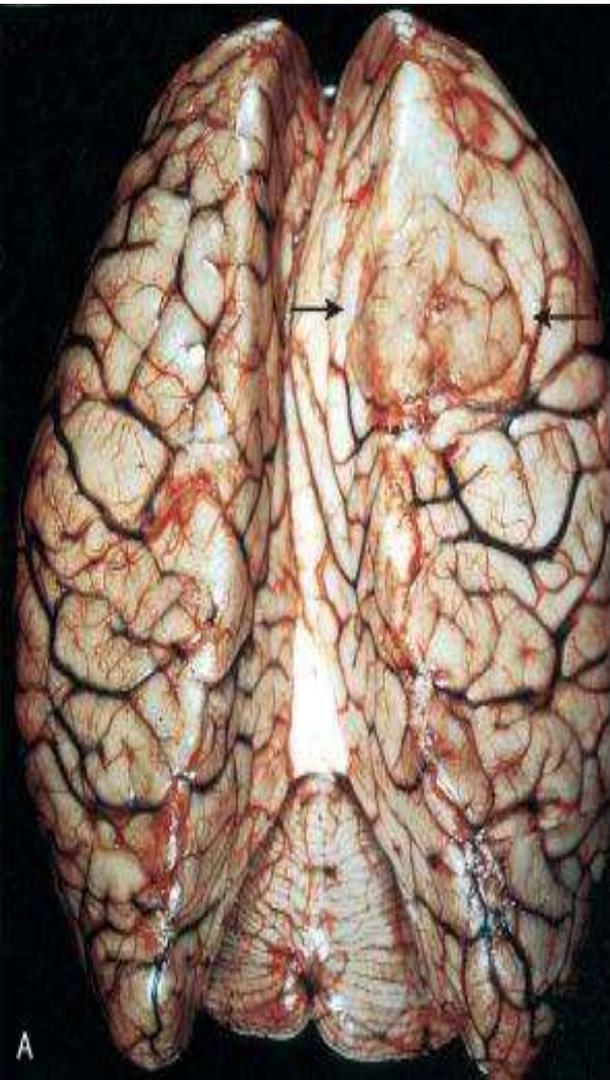
► \pm necrosis

specific GPM

← or microvascular
proliferation

► No clearly defined margin in low grade tumors

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Invasive
filtration



- Diffuse astrocytoma.

A, The right frontal tumor has expanded gyri, which led to flattening (arrows).

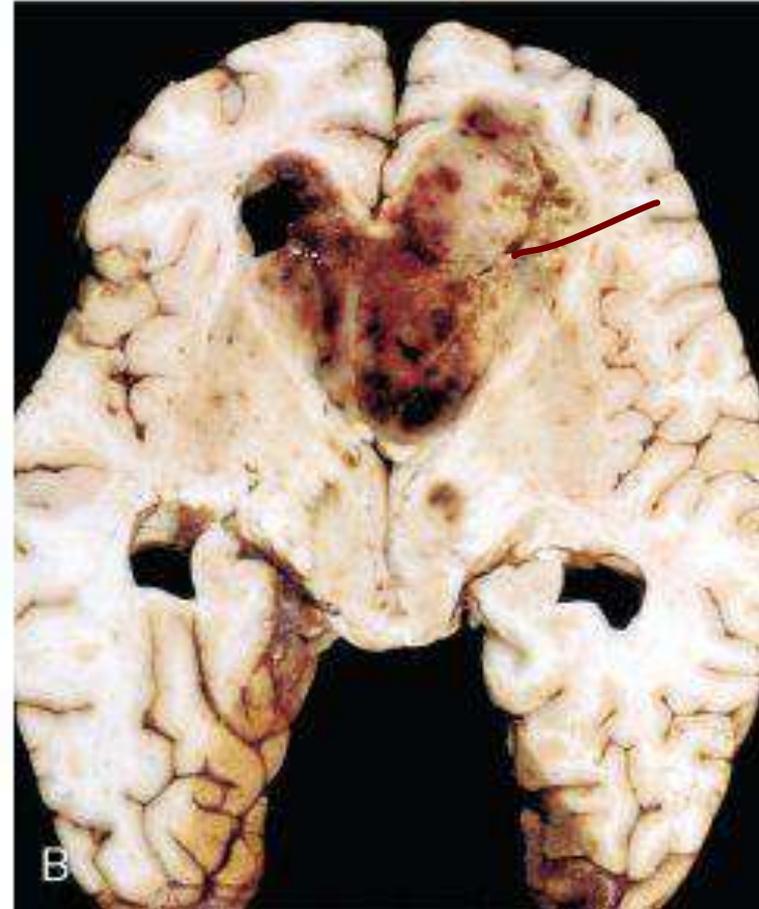
B, There is bilateral expansion of the septum pellucidum by gray, glassy tumor.

unequivocal expansion in septum pellucidum

↳ Astrocytoma diffuse



BM (grade 4)



A, Post-contrast T1-weighted coronal MRI shows a large mass in the right parietal lobe with "ring" enhancement. B, Glioblastoma appearing as a necrotic, hemorrhagic, infiltrating mass.

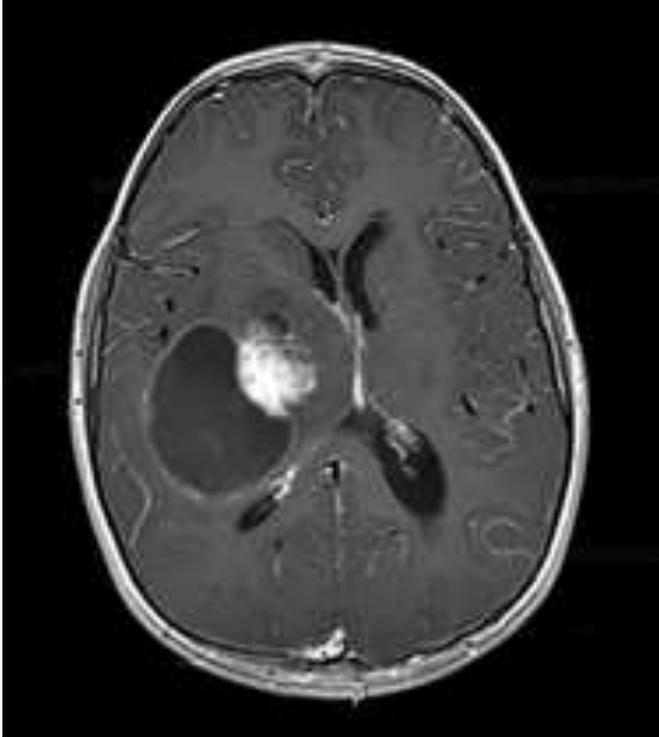


Pilocytic astrocytoma - A relatively well-defined cystic tumor

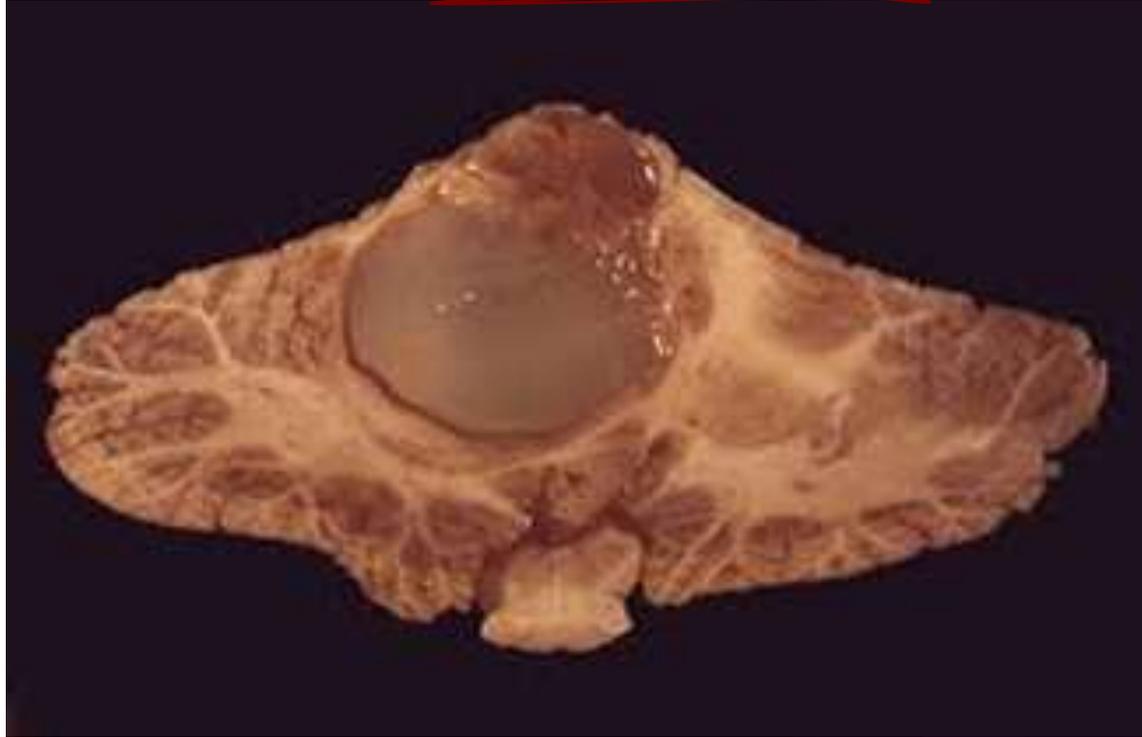
Astrocytoma / Types:

- ▶ WHO Grade I; **Pilocytic Astrocytoma:**
- ▶ Most in children, **Cerebellum**, optic pathways, 3rd ventricle... etc
- ▶ Radiology: Often **cystic with mural enhancing nodule**
- ▶ **Low grade** (relatively benign), **no mitoses**
- ▶ Morphology: **Bipolar astrocytes**, **Microcysts & Rosenthal Fibers**, **eosinophilic granular bodies**
علائق (gloss) -
- ▶ Molecular: KIAA1549-BRAF fusion is the most common genetic event in pilocytic astrocytoma. It is **Negative for IDH mutations**; May be positive for BRAF mutation
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MRI picture



gross picture



↑ Rosenthal
fibers

↑ ependymal
cyst

PILOCYTIC
ASTROCYTOMA

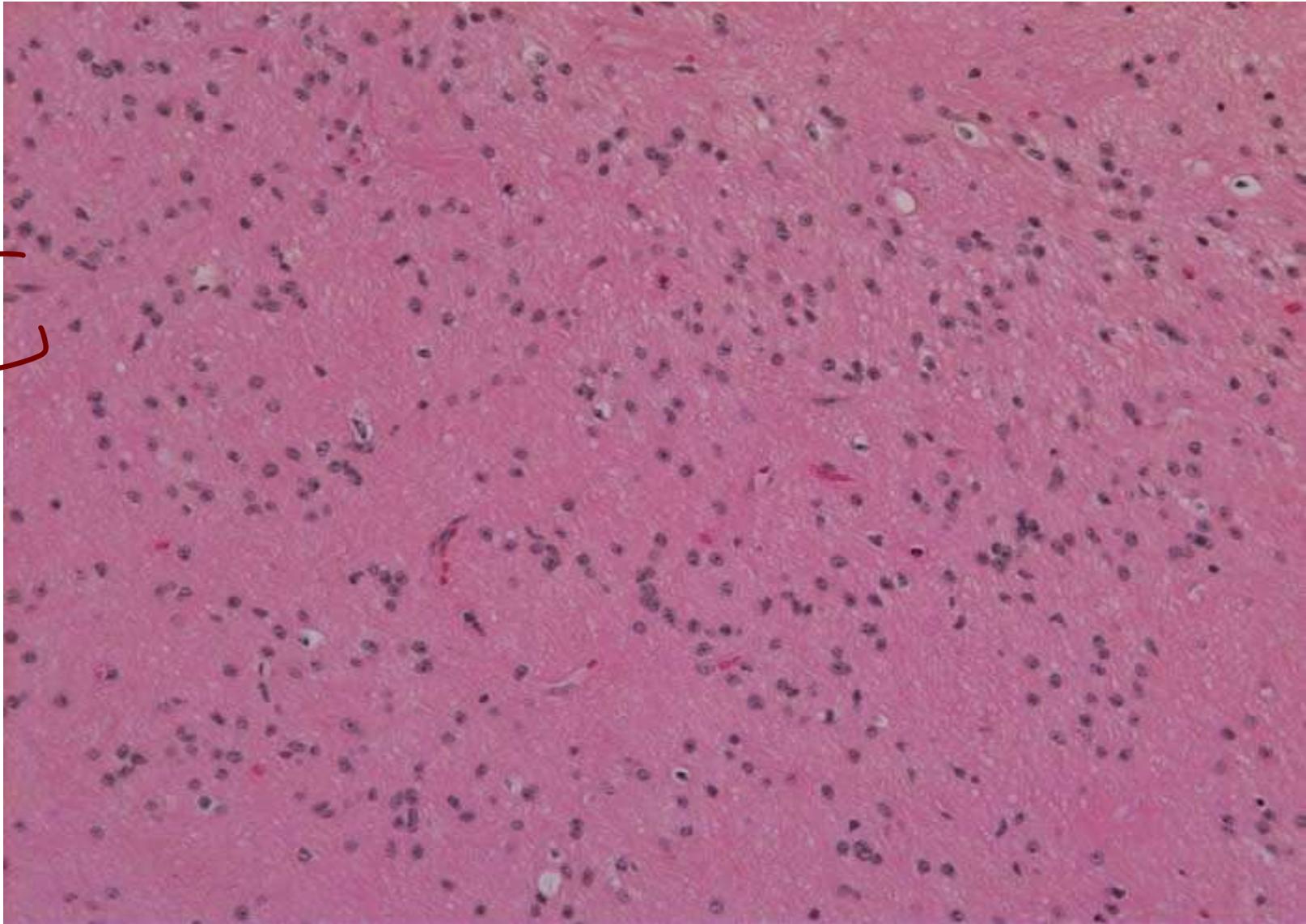
- ▶ **Bipolar cells with:**
- ▶ **Long, thin processes.**



→ Commonest Astrocytoma in adult

WHO Grade II; Diffuse Astrocytoma

- ▶ Commonest (up to 80% adult gliomas)
- ▶ Any age, more in adults, more in cerebrum
- ▶ Well differentiated/low grade (1/2)
(متمايزاً صغرياً هون)
- ▶ Fine fibrillary network with minimal pleomorphism
→ cellularity more than PCL → hypoco
- ▶ - Proliferation of astrocytes.
- ▶ - Pleomorphic, hyperchromatic no mitotic figures.
- ▶ - Admixed in a fibrillary stroma
- ▶ up to 80% of WHO grade II and III gliomas have IDH mutations



↑ cell ←
× Bipolar }

Diffuse Astrocytoma:
? Gliosis versus Glioma

WHO Grade III - Anaplastic Astrocytoma

↳ Small Biopsy
with mitosis → significant

▶ Aggressive Adult tumor, supratentorial but can occur anywhere in the brain.

▶ More cellular and pleomorphic

GBM 10%
↑ 10% →

▶ May show numerous Gemistocytes

▶ No microvascular proliferation or palisading necrosis

WHO Grade IV; Glioblastoma

- ▶ More in adults
- ▶ Supratentorial enhancing tumor with edema
- ▶ Cellular pleomorphic tumor with prominent mitoses
- ▶ Microvascular proliferation present
- ▶ PALISADING NECROSIS present
- ▶ The WHO grading system is important in prognosis & in outlining type of therapy
- ▶ All astrocytomas are GFAP+, variable Ki-67.

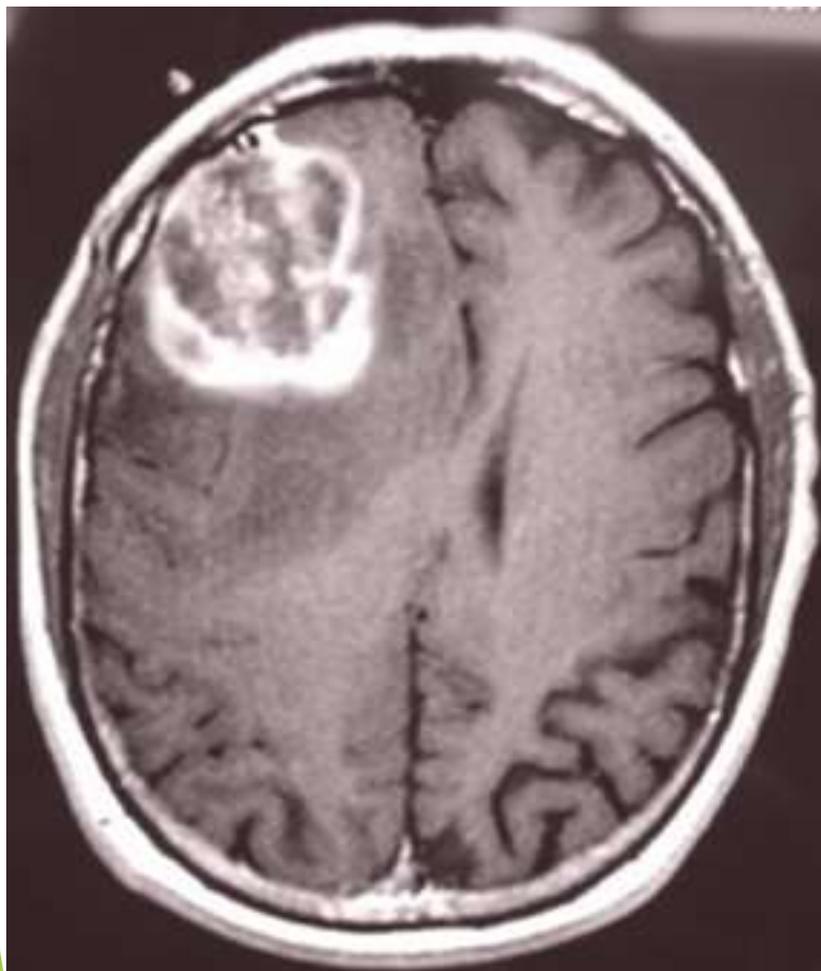
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Brain

Rule
No mets

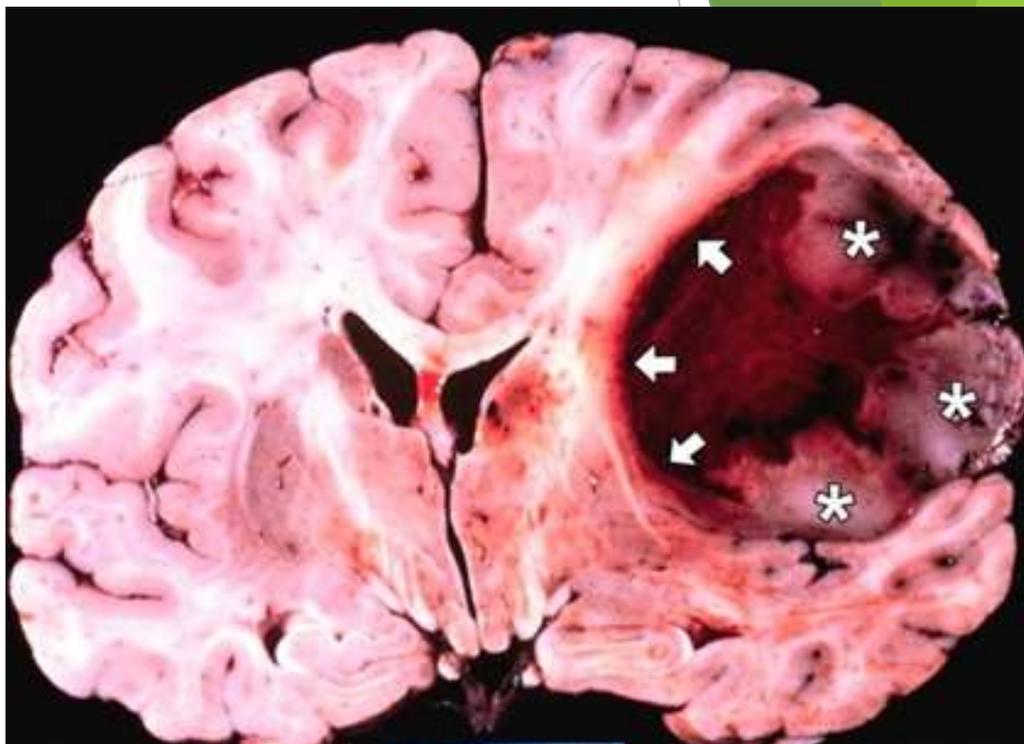
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Cytokeratin / Ato marker
→ negative
origin

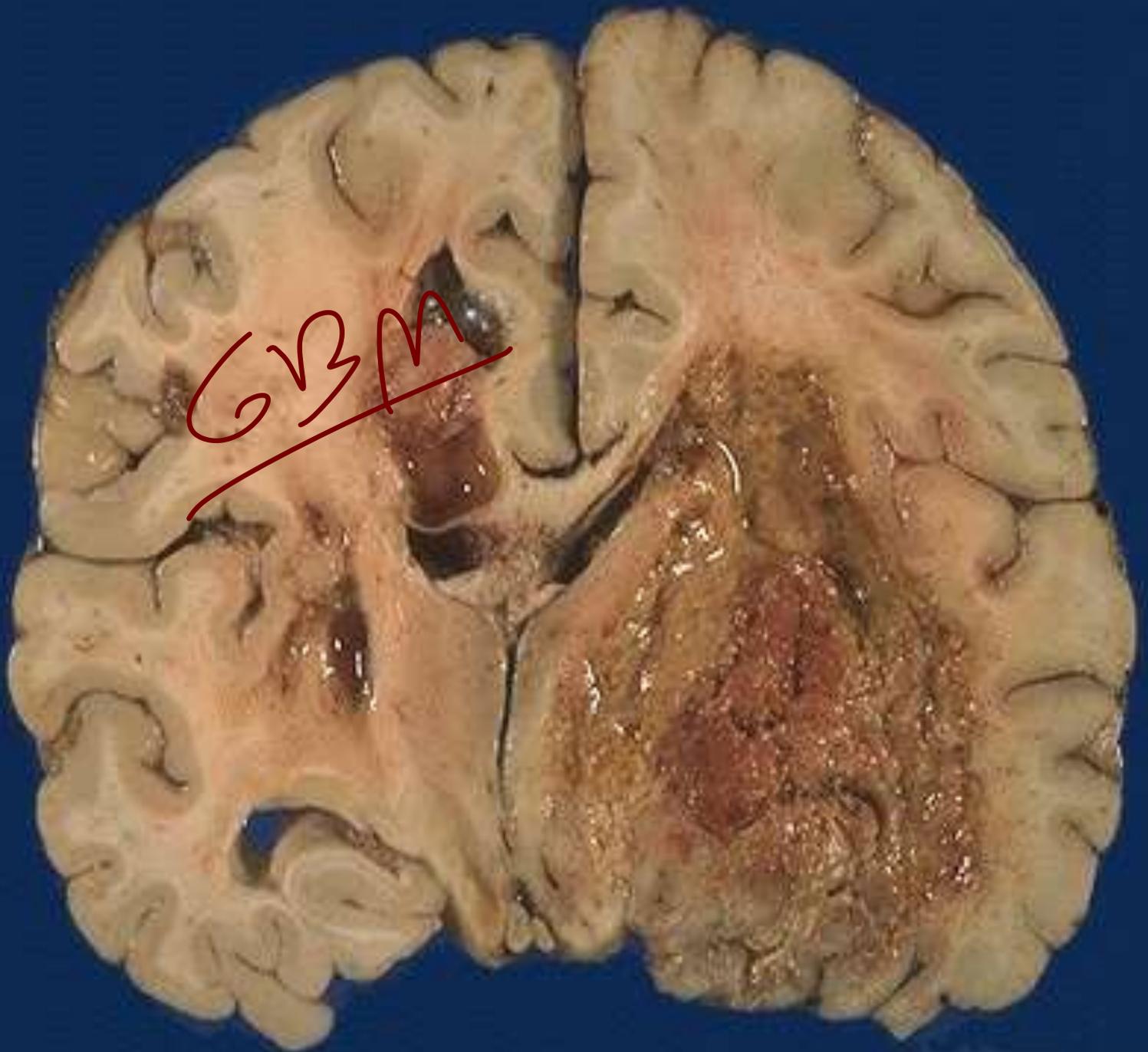
Leptomeningeal
Carcinoma !! use

Ring



GBM





GBM

Glioblastoma

Tumor cells

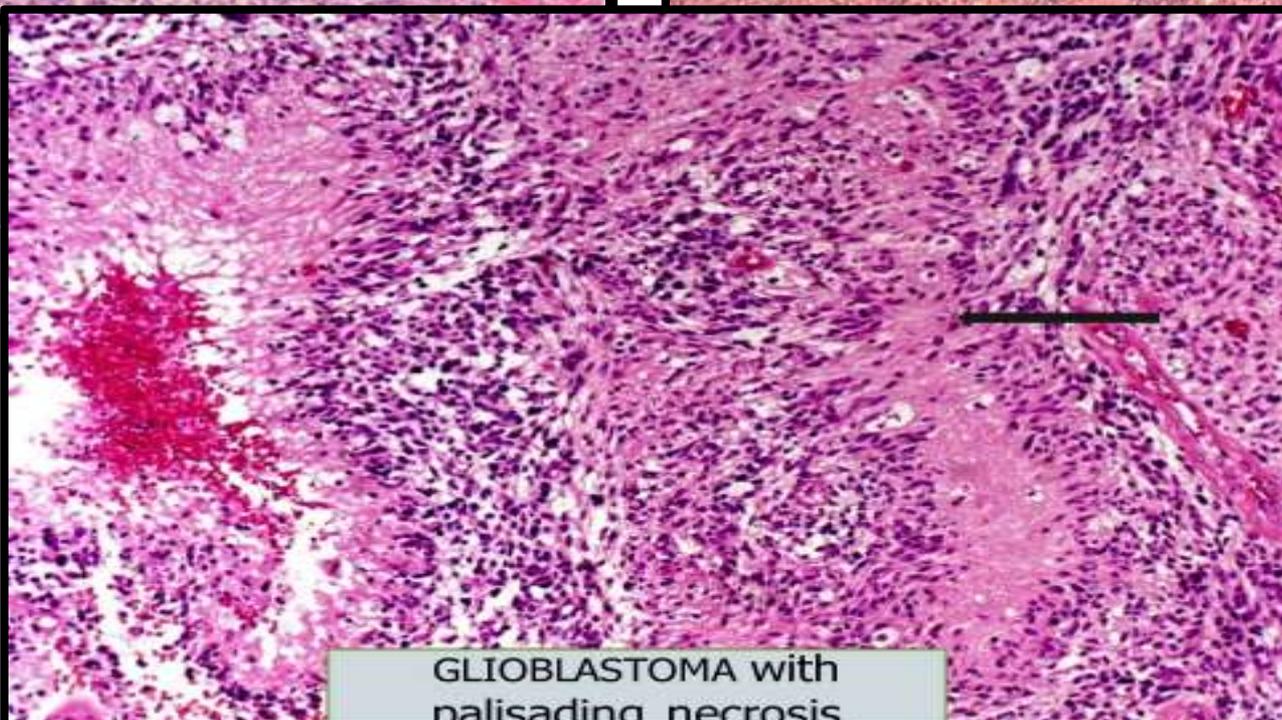
Necrosis

microvascular proliferation without necrosis

Blood vessel proliferation



be seen glomeruloly in kidney



Glioma

- ▶ Prognosis depend on grade, site & Age (child versus > 65)
- ▶ **Low grade:**
- ▶ Surgery
- ▶ Radiotherapy in selected cases
*عشائر بلا اطفال
مكون عقلاهم*
- ▶ **High grade:**
- ▶ Dexamethasone
- ▶ Surgery: Extent of tumour resection correlates with survival
- ▶ Radiotherapy
- ▶ Chemotherapy

OLIGODENDROGLIOMA

↳ morphology
شکل
الخلايا

▶ More in adults & in cerebrum

▶ Calcification is common

▶ Histology:

▶ Small uniform cells with clear cytoplasm

▶ Debate on !!Some mixed with astrocytoma!!

▶ Absent or minimal mitoses → ^{grade II} _{شکل}

▶ Typical FRIED EGG APPEARANCE

▶ WHO Grade:

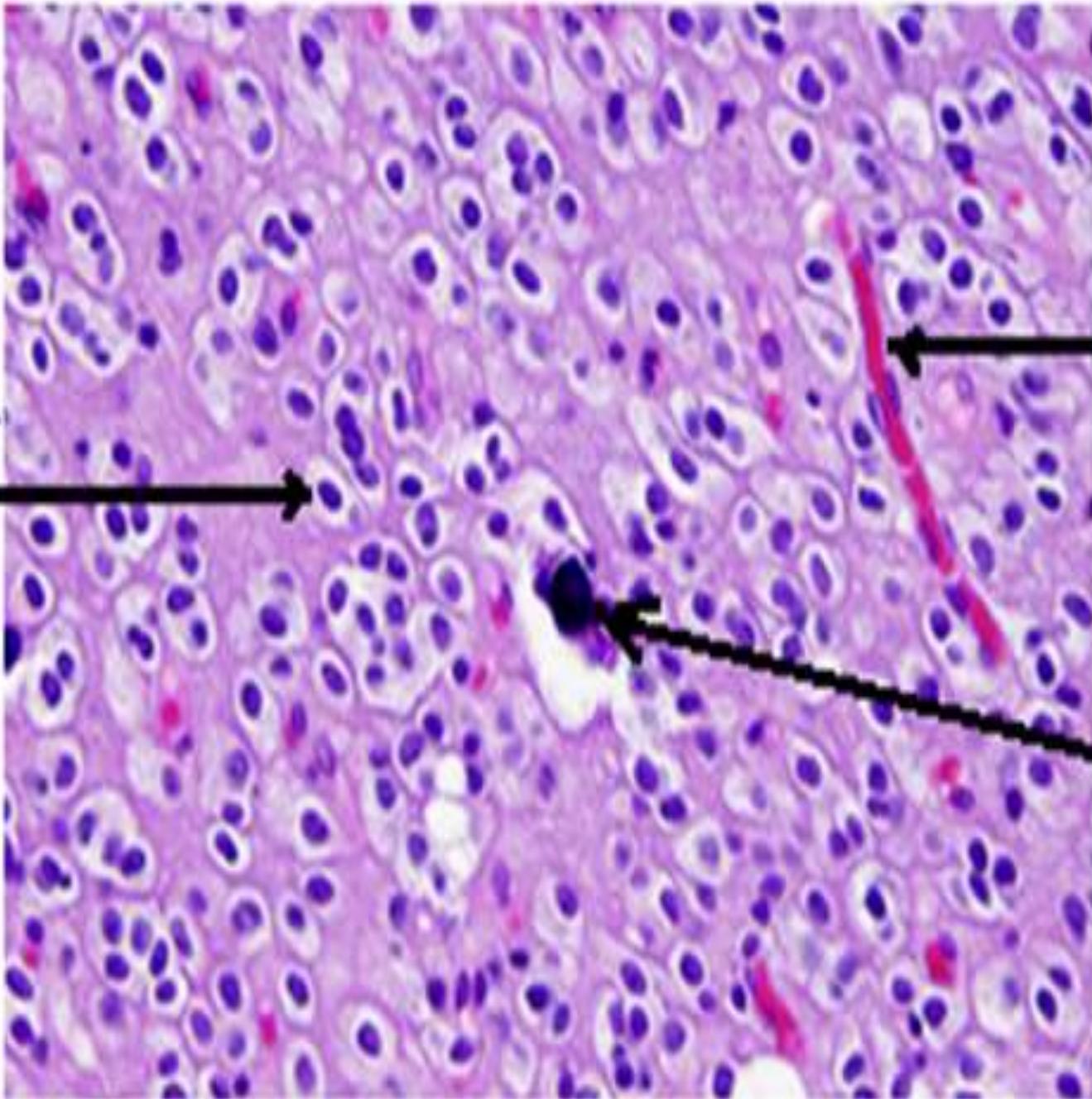
▶ Grade II

~~Pleomorphic~~ ▶ Anaplastic oligodendroglioma - Grade III

▶ Better prognosis than astrocytoma similar grade

▶ 1p/19q co-deletion as well as IDH mutation is mandatory for diagnosis

tumor
cells



thin
walled
blood
vessels

کالسیفیکیشن کا حصہ

area
of
calcification

TYPE \ GRADE	WHO grade I	WHO grade II	WHO grade II	WHO grade IV
	CIRCUMSCRIPT	DIFFUSE		
		Low grade	High grade	
Astrocytoma	Pilocytic-Astrocytoma Subependymal giant cells astrocytoma	Low-grade Astrocytoma	Anaplastic Astrocytoma	Glioblastoma
Oligodendroglioma		Low-grade Oligodendroglioma	Anaplastic oligodendroglioma	

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 12
 11

astrocytoma oligoastrocytoma oligodendroglioma

IDH mutation

IDH-mutant

IDH-wildtype

1p/19q codeletion

TERT promoter, CIC,
and FUBP1 mutations

P53 mutation,
ATRX inactivation

If midline
location,
test for
H3F3A
K27M
mutations

**IDH-mutant,
1p/19q codeleted**

**IDH-mutant,
1p/19q non-codeleted**

IDH-wildtype

Oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant
and 1p/19q-codeleted (grade II)

Anaplastic oligodendroglioma,
IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-
codeleted (grade III)

Diffuse astrocytoma,
IDH-mutant (grade II)

Anaplastic astrocytoma,
IDH-mutant (grade III)

Diffuse astrocytoma,
IDH-wildtype (grade II)

Anaplastic astrocytoma,
IDH-wildtype (grade III)

Diffuse
midline
glioma, H3
K27M-
mutant
(grade IV)

EPENDYMOMA

- ▶ - Slow growing tumor.
- ▶ - Age: Children, young adults.
- ▶ Cell of origin: ependymal cells lining the ventricles.
- ▶ Gross: gray, fleshy mass
- ▶ Radiology: Uniformly enhancing mass, well demarcated usually in ventricle or spinal cord
- ▶ WHO Grade:
- ▶ **Grade II or Anaplastic Grade III**
- ▶ Can metastasize via CSF
- ▶ May cause obstructive hydrocephalus
- ▶ Rx: Surgery, Radiotherapy

EPENDYMOMA

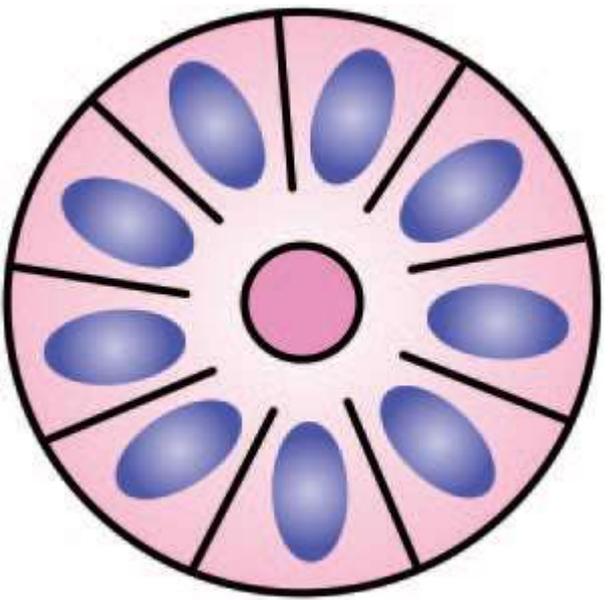
- ▶ Age: Children & Young adults
- ▶ Location: mostly 4th. Ventricle in 0-20years of age, in ≥ 20 years Lumbosacral region OR lat. or 3rd.ventricle
- ▶ Histology: Classical or Myxopapillary (usually located in lumbosacral region).
 - ▶ Ependymal true rosettes and canals
 - ▶ Perivascular pseudorosettes
 - ▶ Myxopapillary is more loose & mucoid

حمار سرتوما
ساعتت medulla

glial
tumors
ساعتت
Spinal cord

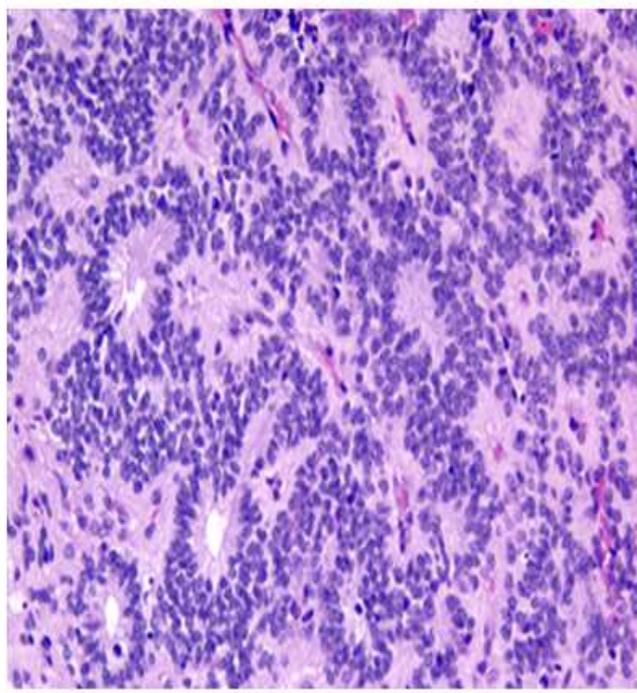
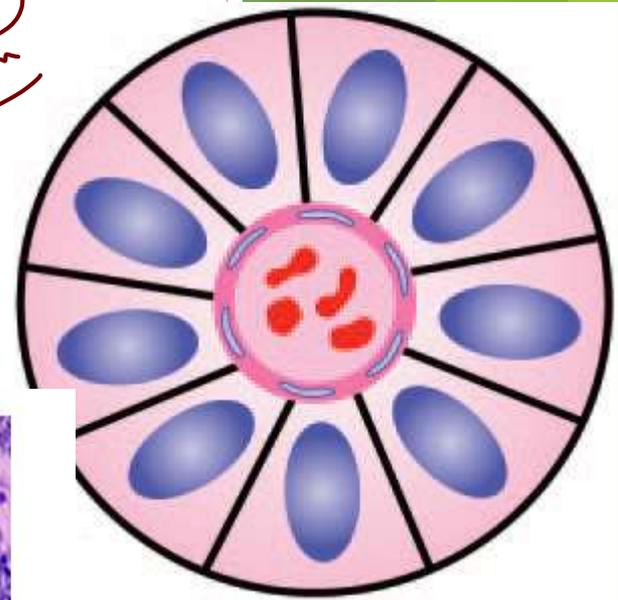
True Rosette

around empty space (glial material) P. ball marked



Perivascular Pseudorosette

هو الـ Blood vessel





Normal Ependyma

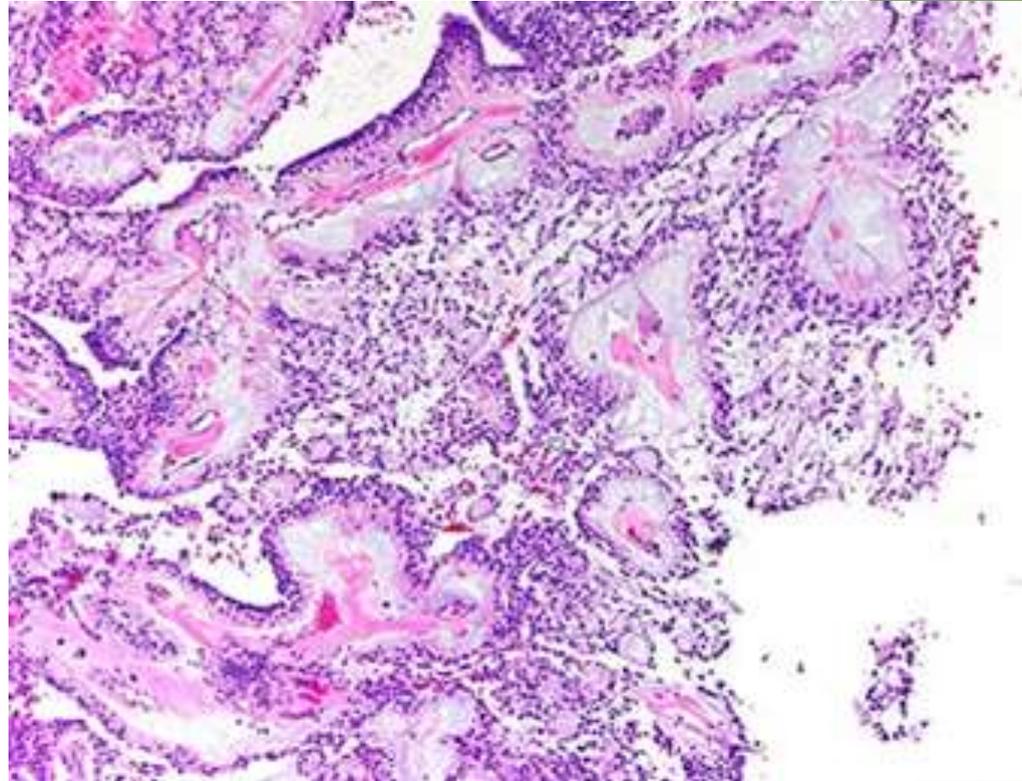


Ependymoma

-M/E:

papillae with myxomatous changes.

myxo
papillae
(in keratinized)



Medulloblastoma

aggressive pediatric tumor
grade IV

Small Round
Blue cell
tumor (in children)

* Sarcoma
* Rhabdomyoma
* Neurosarcoma
* medullo (proliferation)

primitive
L Pluripotent
undifferentiated cells

▶ 20% of pediatric brain tumors

▶ Primitive small cell (hyperchromatic blue cell) tumor

▶ Any midline cerebellar or roof of 4th. ventricle tumor in a child is a medulloblastoma till proven otherwise!

exception ↙

▶ Can be lateral cerebellar, more in young adults

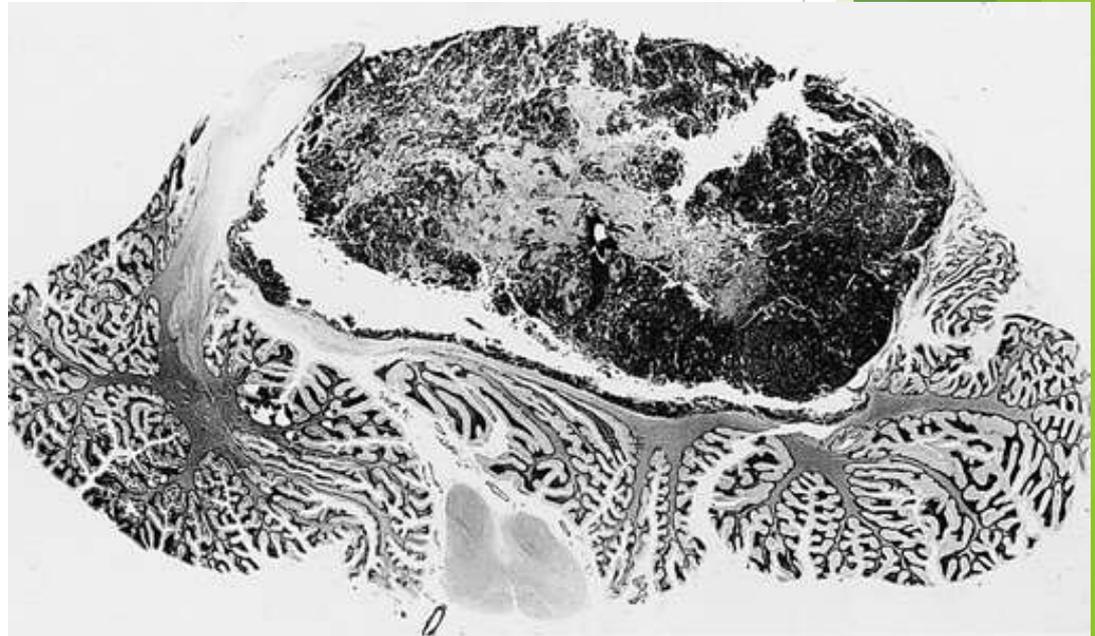
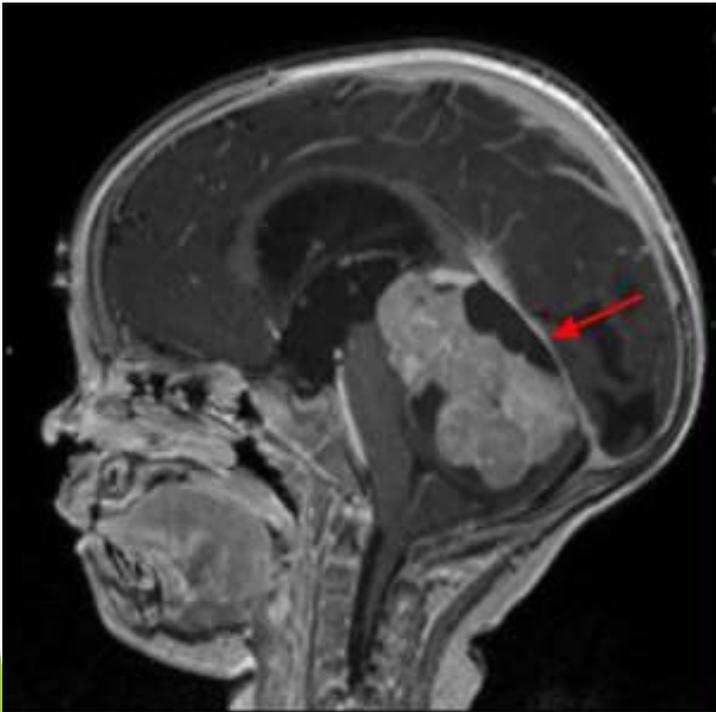
▶ Hydrocephalus & ↑ICP occur early

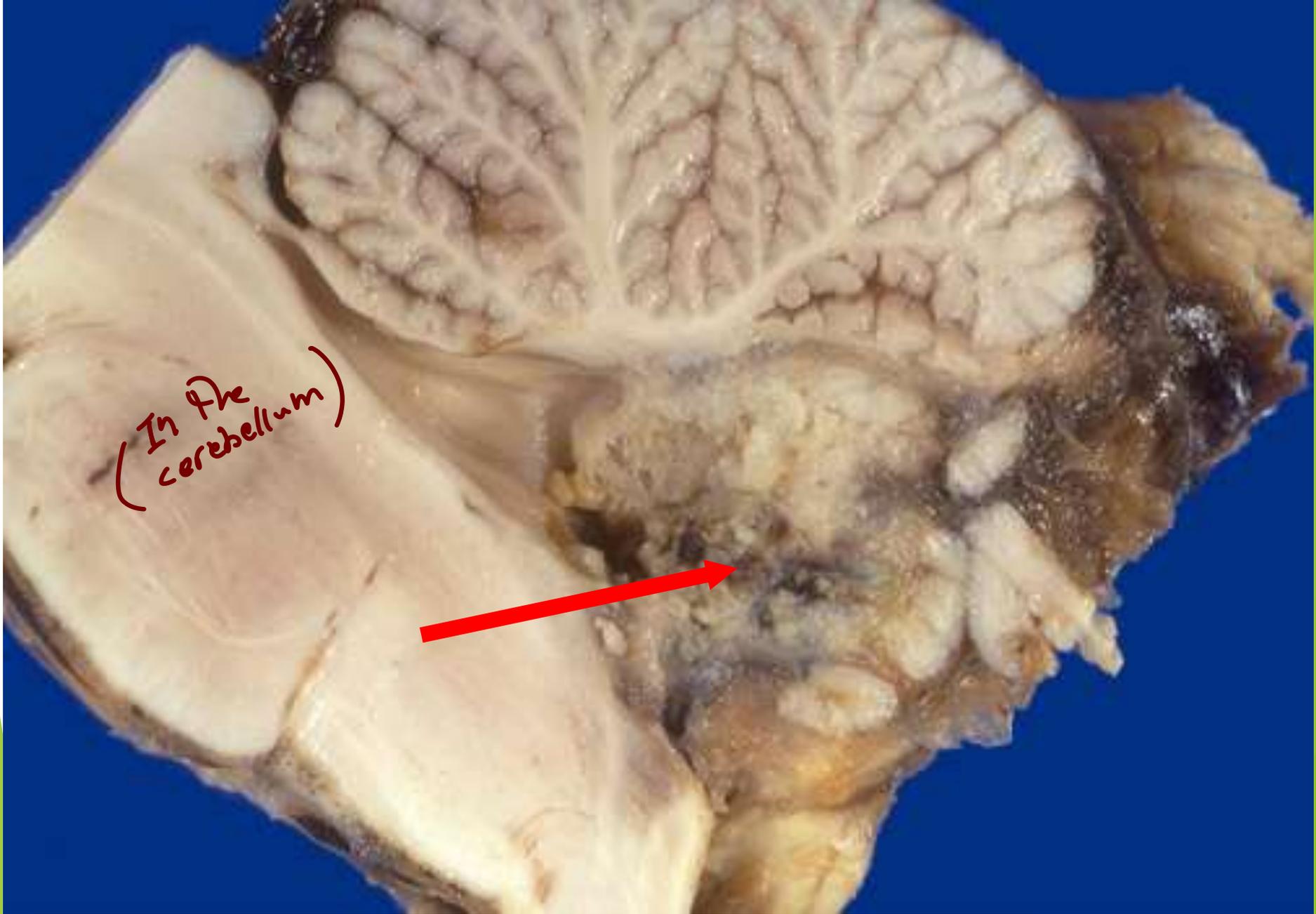
+ obstruction

-Rapidly growing tumor.

-Age: children.

-Site: Roof of the 4th ventricle, obstructing pathway of C.S.F



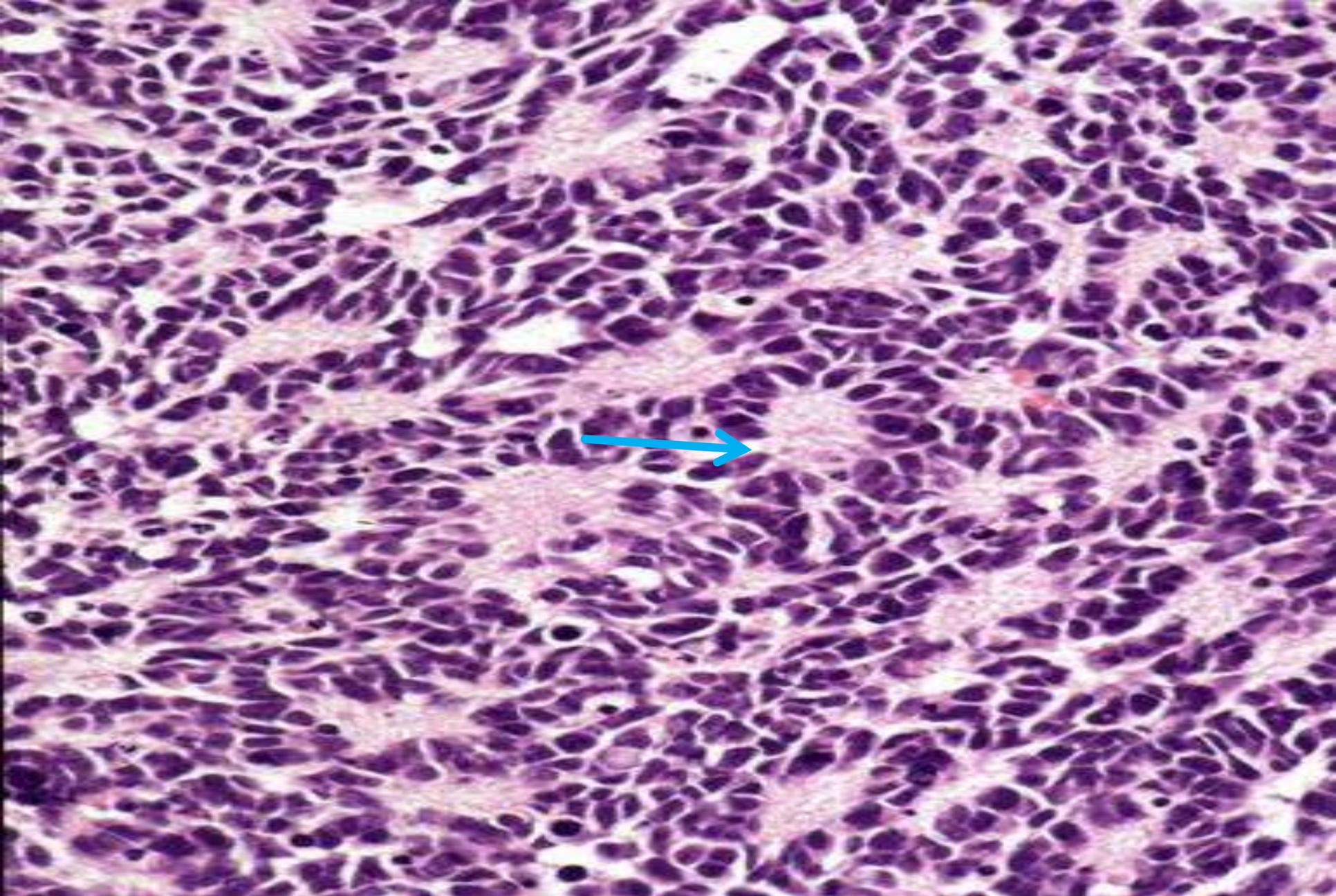


(In the cerebellum)

Medulloblastoma

Microscopic features:

- ▶ Sheets of small undifferentiated blue hyperchromatic cells with numerous mitoses
- ▶ Homer-Wright Rosettes *→ true Rosettes*
- ▶ Neurofibrillary background
- ▶ WHO Grade IV
- ▶ *in neuroblastoma* MYC amplification - poor. WNT - favorable
- ▶ Rx.: Resection + Radiation entire neuraxis since spreads along CSF



Medulloblastoma/ Rosettes

mitosis
rare - sup

Molecular subgroups of Medulloblastoma

	CONSENSUS Cho (2010) Northcott (2010)	WNT C6 WNT	SHH C3 SHH	Group 1 C1/C5 Group C	Group 4 C2/C4 Group D
DEMOGRAPHICS					
Age Group:  	  	   	 	   	
Gender: ♀ ♂	♂♂ : ♀♀	♂♂ : ♀♀	♂♂ : ♀	♂♂ : ♀	
CLINICAL FEATURES					
Histology	classic, rarely LCA	desmoplastic/nodular, classic, LCA	classic, LCA	classic, LCA	
Metastasis	rarely M+	uncommonly M+	very frequently M+	frequently M+	
Prognosis	very good	infants good, others intermediate	poor	intermediate	
GENETICS					
					
GENE EXPRESSION					
	WNT signaling MYC +	SHH signaling MYCN +	Photoreceptor/GABAergic MYC +++	Neuronal/Glutamatergic minimal MYC / MYCN	
5 yr OS	~95%	~75%	~ 50%	~ 75%	

MENINGIOMA

Dura Based
mc - adult - Female

▶ Arises from meninges on surface of brain or spinal cord.

▶ Most in adult females

Progesterone Receptor

▶ Tumor cells contain PR receptors

الأماكن الشائعة
تكون على غشاء
High Grade إذا
(of Dark tumors)
تحتوي

▶ NF2 gene inactivating mutation, even in 50% of non-NF2 meningiomas

(Neurofibromatosis type II)

▶ Sites: Parasagittal, Falx, sphenoid, ventricles.. etc

↳ on Any part of meninges

Gross features:

- ▶ Well-defined solid dural-based mass
- ▶ Compressing brain but easily removed

A Can invade the Skull & Venous sinuses, but this does not affect grade

→ Bone invasion

B Can invade the underlying brain. IMPORTANT in prognosis: increased recurrence rate

Well affect the Grade → III meningioma

Histo pathologic
MPO

Many subtypes:

- ▶ Syncytial
- ▶ Fibroblastic
- ▶ Transitional
- ▶ Psammomatous (PSAMMOMA BODIES)
- ▶ Secretory
- ▶ Many Others
- ▶ Majority are benign but may recur
- ▶ Some types more likely to be aggressive
- ▶ Prognosis depends on SIZE, LOCATION, GRADE & Surgical ACCESSIBILITY

صنف (III/II) حسب
الدرجة
grade I

Grade I

- Meningothelial
- Fibrous
- Transitional
- Psammomatous
- Angiomatous
- Microcystic
- Secretory
- Lymphoplasmacyte-rich
- Metaplastic

Grade II

LA/CC

- Atypical
- Chordoid
- Clear cell

- 4-19 mitoses/10 HPF
- Brain invasion
- ~~≥3 of 5 features~~
 - 1) High cellularity
 - 2) Small cell with high N/C ratio
 - 3) Sheetting
 - 4) Prominent nucleoli
 - 5) Spontaneous necrosis

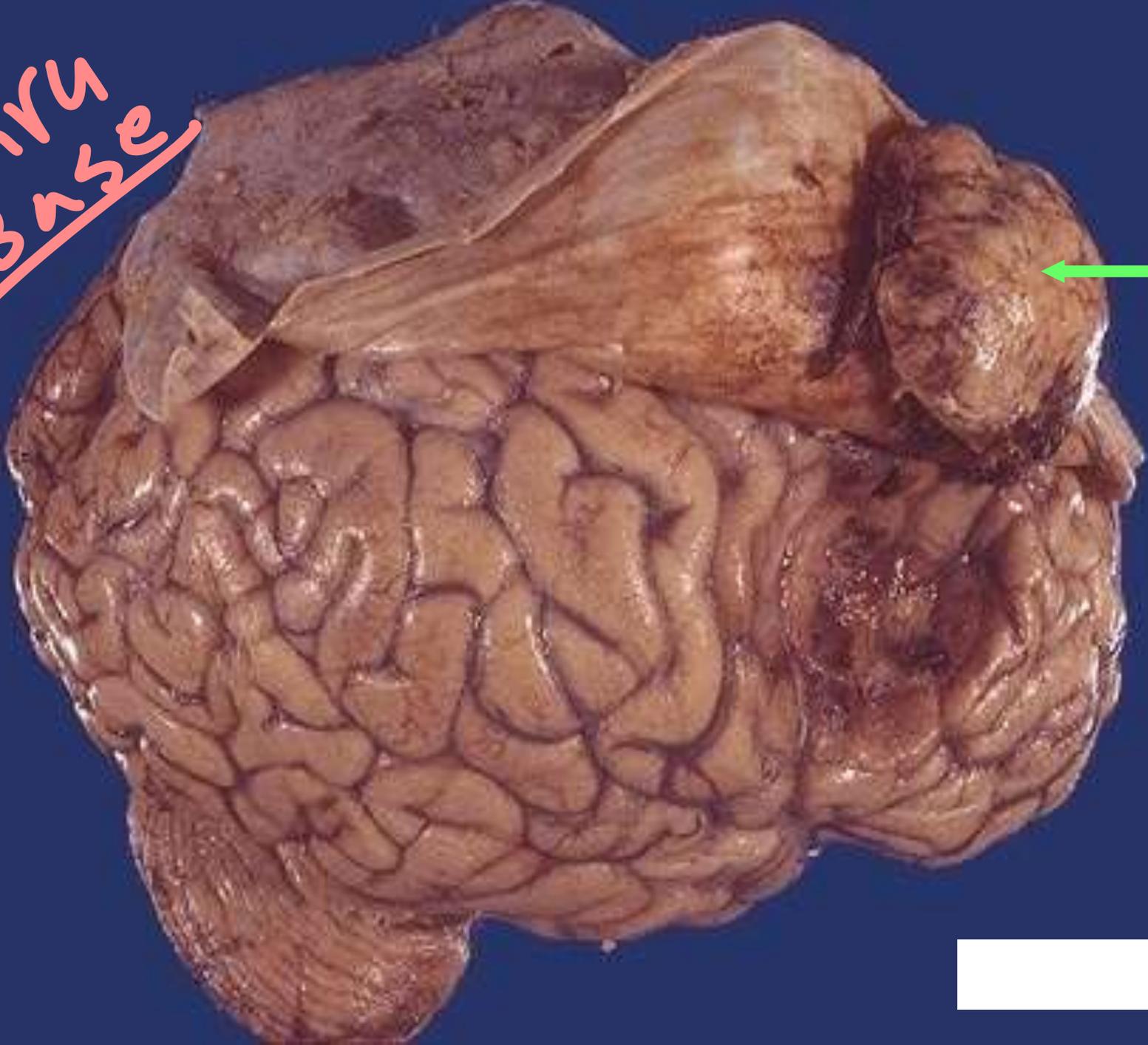
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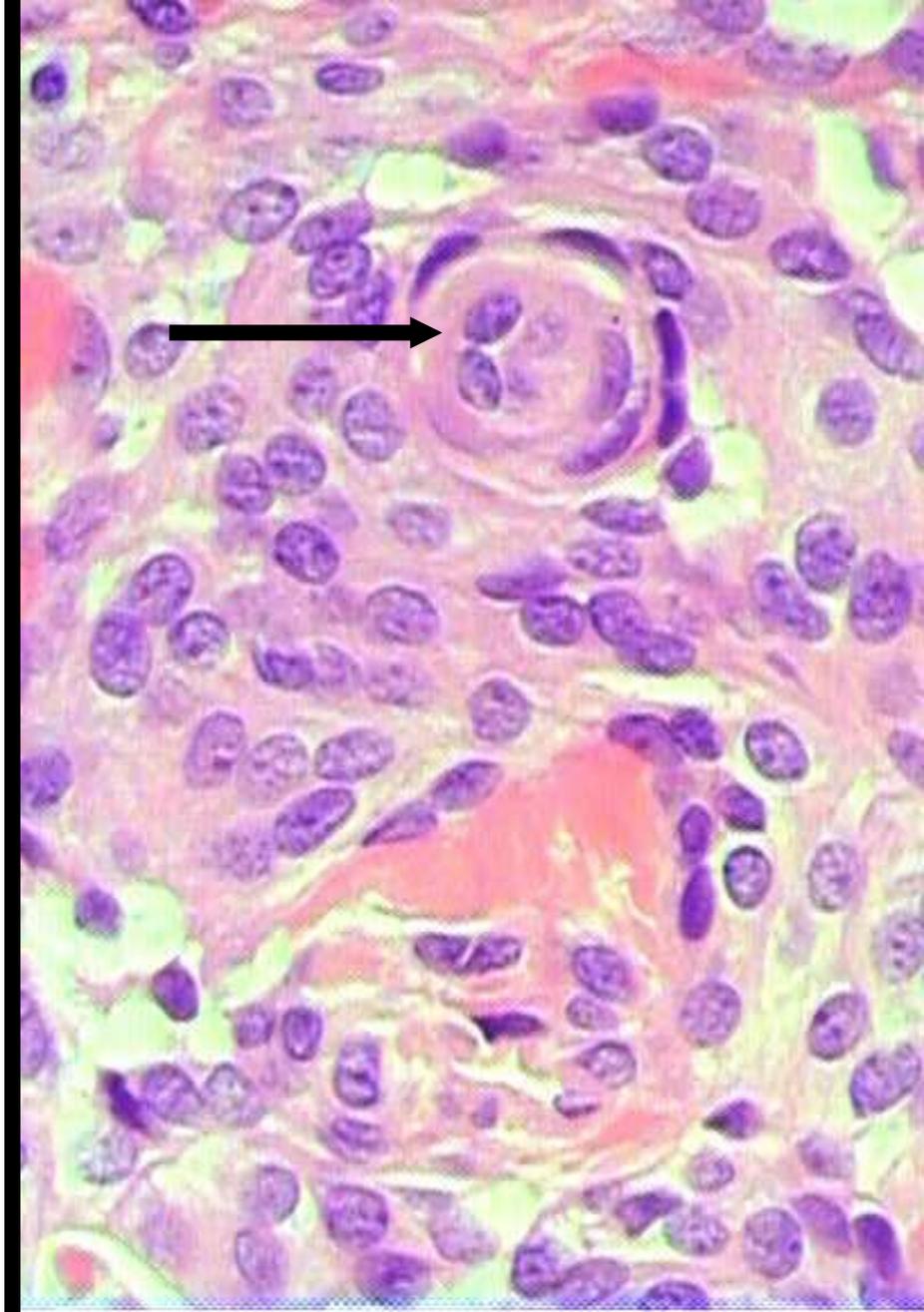
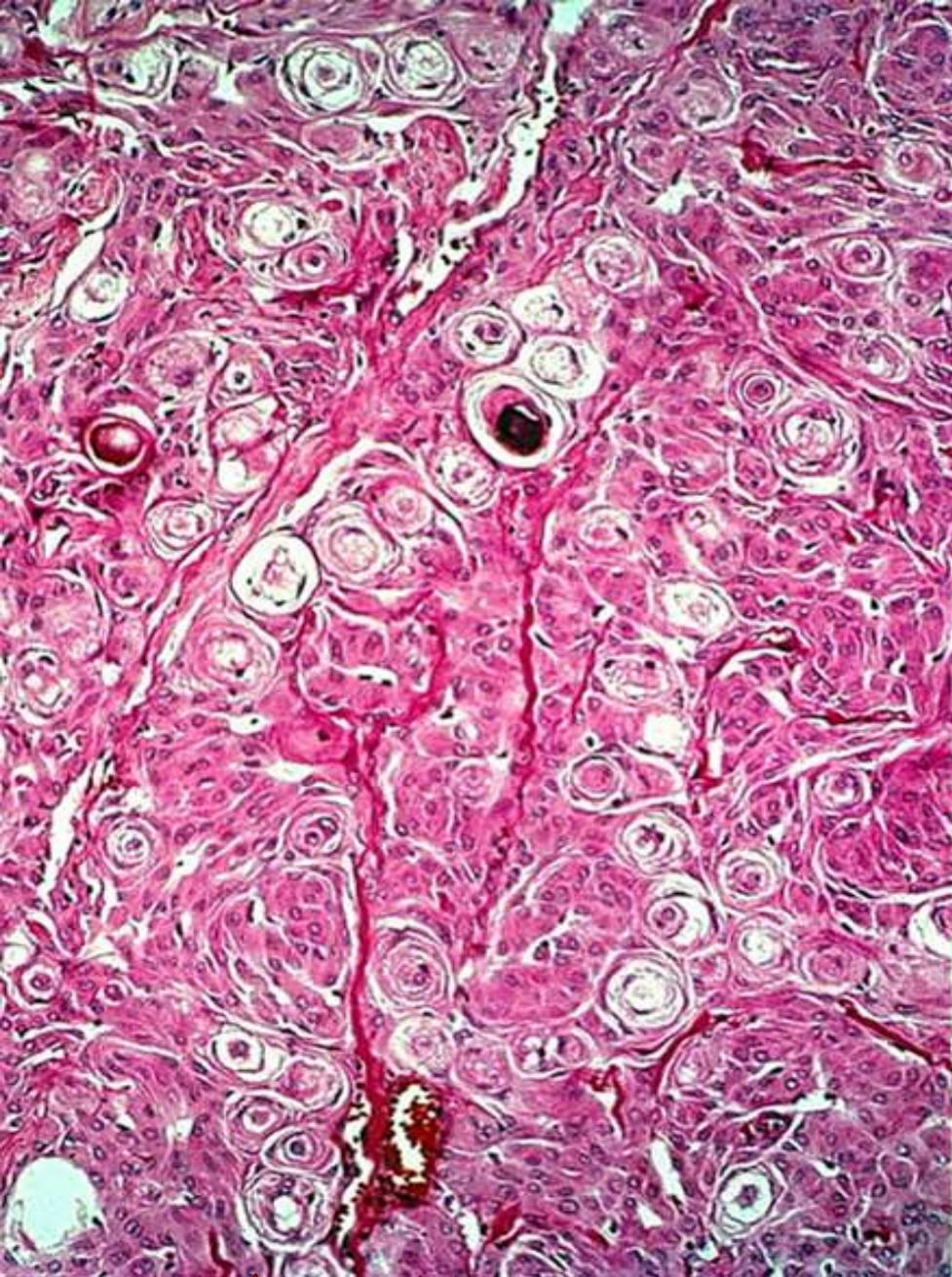
LA/RP

- Anaplastic
- Papillary
- Rhabdoid

- ≥20 mitoses/10 HPF
- ~~Overtly malignant cytology (sarcomatous, carcinomatous, or melanomatous)~~

2hrs
Base





grade I → calcifications

Psammoma bodies are diagnostic of meningiomas in brain tumors

Neuronal tumors

▶ Central neurocytoma:

- ▶ Low grade intraventricular (3rd or Lat)
- ▶ Neuropil

▶ Ganglioglioma:

- ▶ Age \leq 30yrs, presents with seizures
- ▶ Mixture of low grade Astro. + mature neurons
- ▶ Anywhere but most temporal

▶ Dysembryoplastic neuroepithelial tumor (DNT)

- ▶ Low grade childhood tumor
- ▶ Nodular tumor in superficial temporal lobe
- ▶ Seizure

LYMPHOMA

usually
secondary
primary → CNS

- ▶ Primary usually multiple peri-ventricular nodular tumor (1% of IC-tumors)
- ▶ High grade B cell Lymphoma
- ▶ Most common CNS tumor in immunosuppressed
- ▶ Most frequent in AIDS patients with EBV infection.
- ▶ Poor response to chemoRx
↳ due to BBB
- ▶ May be secondary lymphoma due to spread from peripheral lymphoma to CNS is usually to meninges rather than into brain

tests
primary
Brain

GERM CELL TUMORS

- ▶ Primary - midline (pineal & suprasellar)
- ▶
- ▶ 90% - First 2 decades of life
- ▶ Most common type: Germinoma

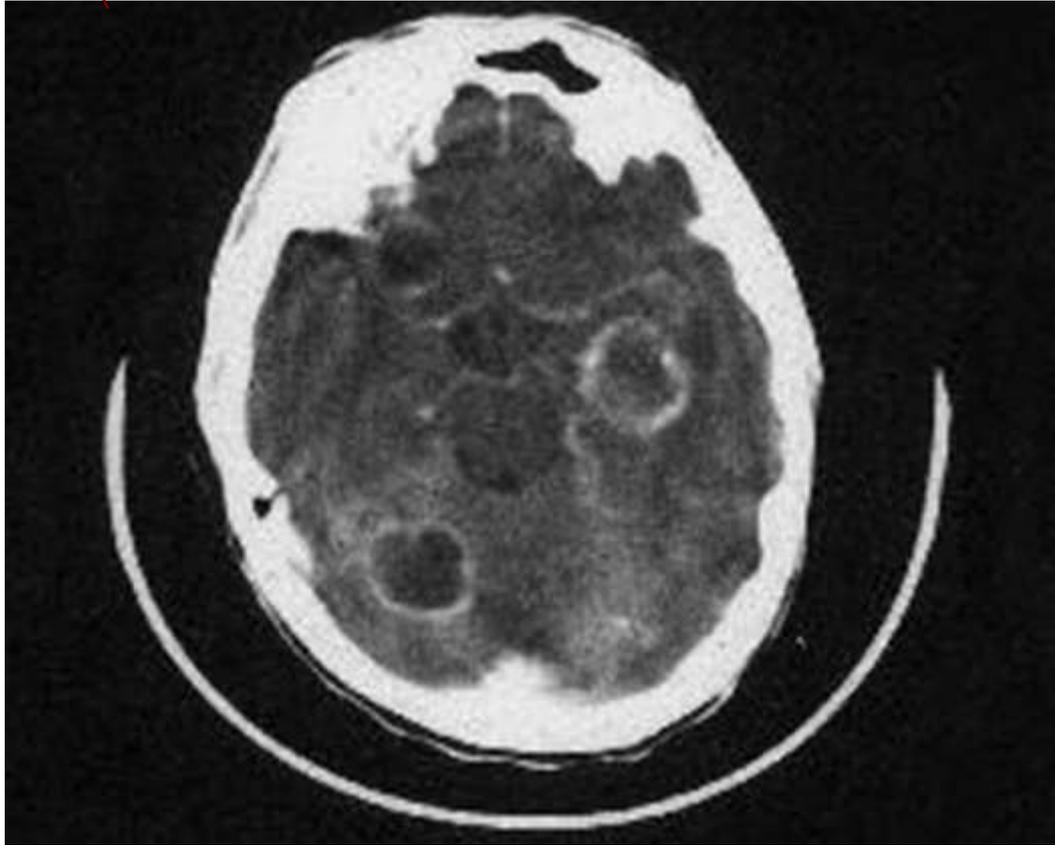
METASTATIC TUMORS



A- Brain metastases

- ▶ More common than primary ?
- ▶ Often multiple
- ▶ Majority of tumors disseminate by blood & parallel anatomic distribution of regional blood flow:
 - resolv ▶ Grey-white matter junction
 - ▶ Border zone between MCA and PCA distributions
 - ▶ Often MULTIPLE
- ▶ Marked edema is seen around metastasis

metast

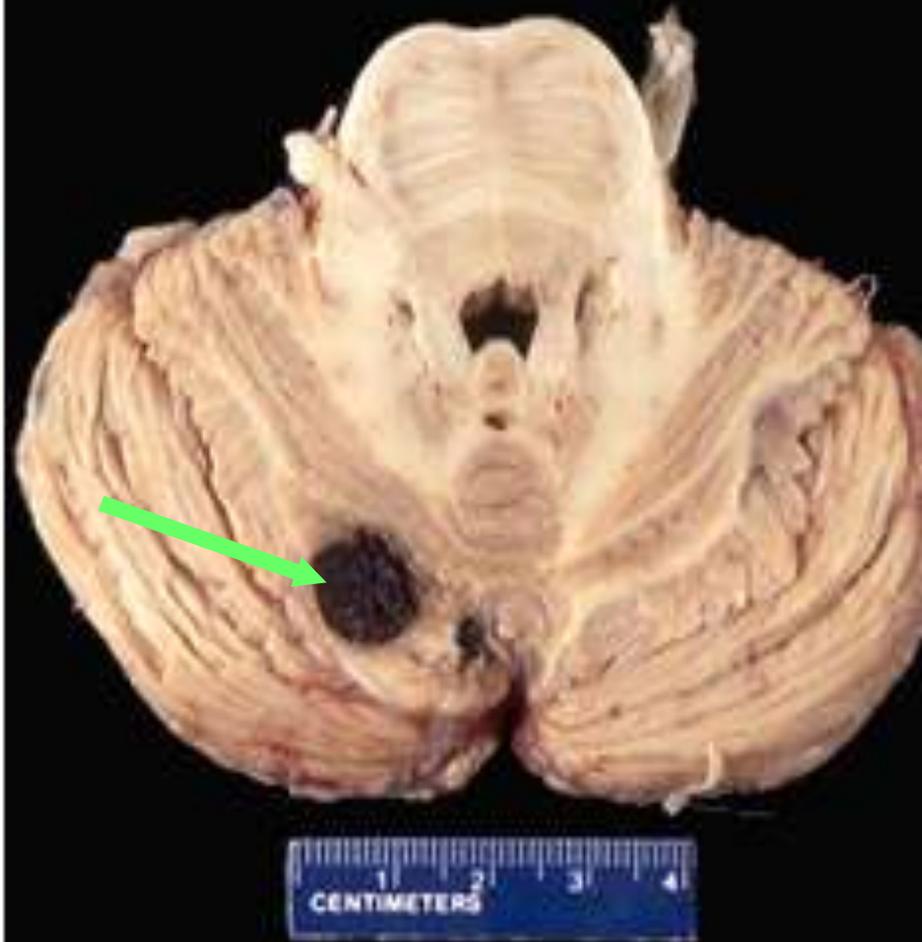
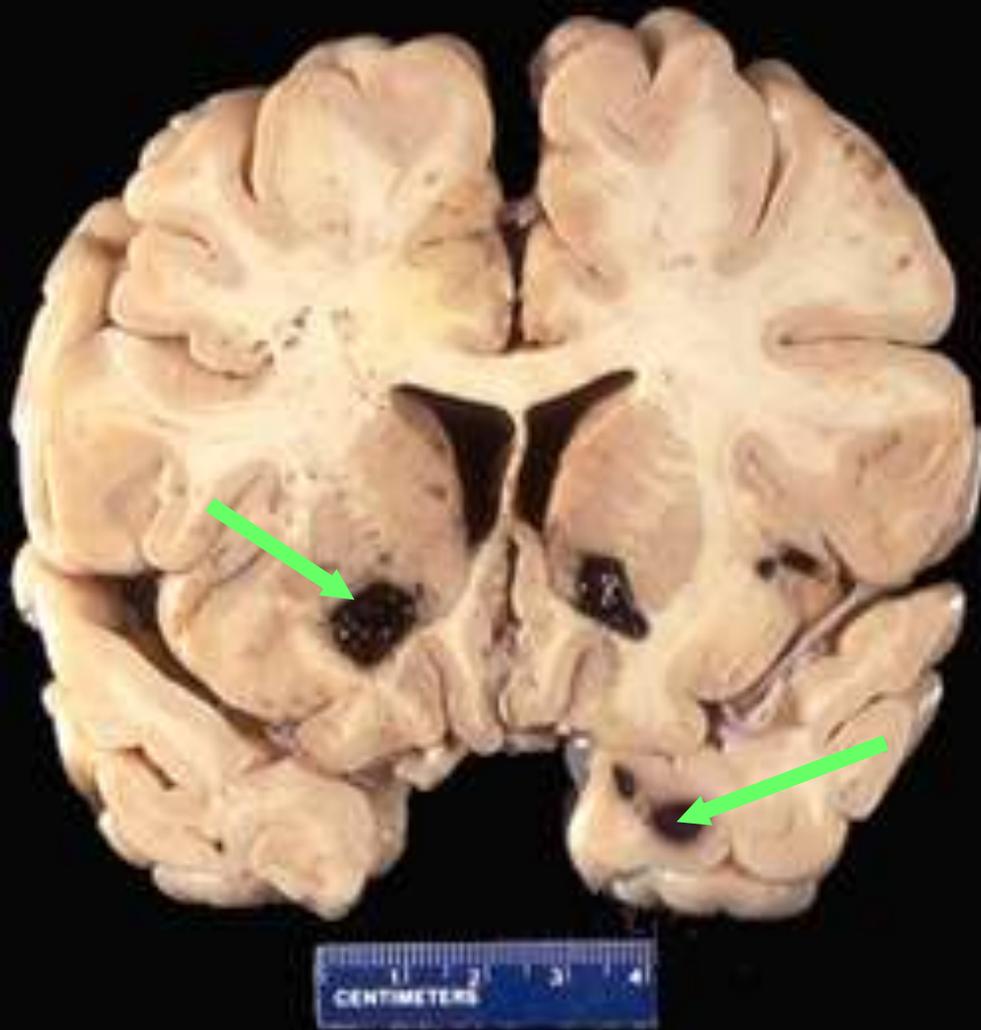


▶ Origin of solid primary tumors:

- ▶ Lung (most common)
- ▶ Breast
- ▶ Gastrointestinal
- ▶ Kidney
- ▶ Melanoma

▶ Less common but with special propensity to metastasize to brain

- ▶ Germ cell tumors
- ▶ Thyroid

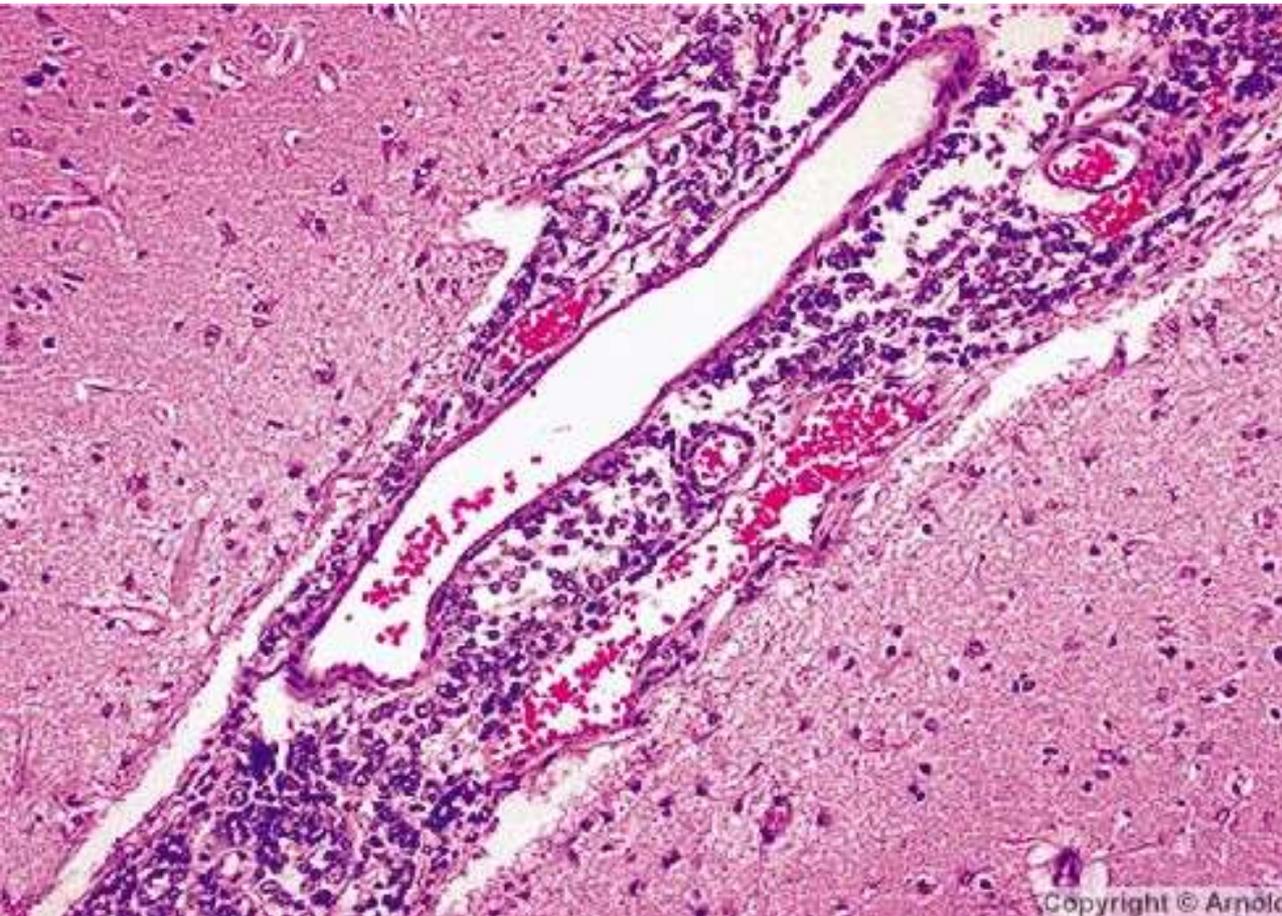


B- Leptomeningeal Metastases

- ▶ Clinically evident in 8% of patients with metastases
 - ▶ Breast, lung, gastrointestinal adenocarcinoma
 - ▶ Melanoma
 - ▶ Lymphoma & Leukemia
- ▶ Mode of spread
 - ▶ Haematogenous
 - ▶ Shedding of cells into subarachnoid space from superficial brain metastasis
 - ▶ Growth along peripheral nerves (squamous cell carcinoma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma)
- ▶ Meningeal carcinomatosis

METASTATIC TUMORS

leptomeningeal carcinomatosis



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Spinal Cord tumors

intramedullary
Cancer

▶ Extraspinal: Metastatic, Lymphoma

▶ Extradural intraspinal: Metastatic, Lymphoma

▶ Intradural:

Brain & mets
Spinal Cord

▶ Extramedullary: Schwannoma

(nerve fibers)

Meningioma

▶ Intramedullary: Ependymoma

Astrocytoma

The End

Good luck