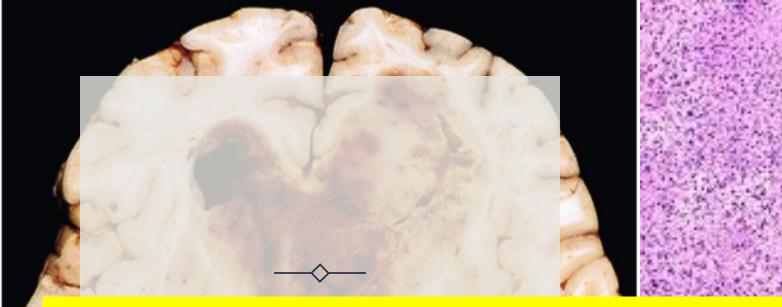
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYTEM TUMORS(1)

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Glioblastomas, IDH-wild-type, grade 4

• **Definition:**

Diffuse glioma that is IDH-wildtype and H3 wildtype and has <u>one or more</u> of the following histologic or genetic features:

- Microvascular proliferation
- Necrosis
- TERT promotor mutation
- EGFR gene amplification
- combined gain of entire chromosome 7 and loss of entire chromosome 10 [+7 / -10]

Glioblastomas, IDH-wild-type:

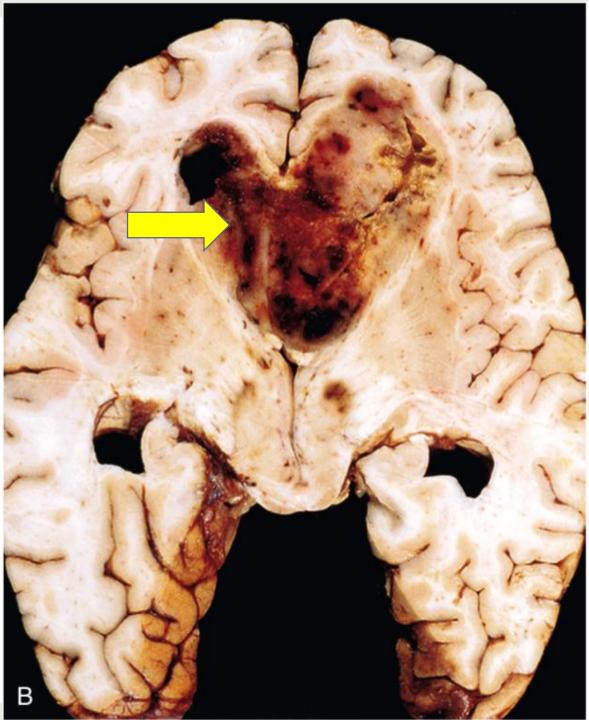
- <u>The most common malignant glioma</u> (50% of all primary malignanat brain tummors in adults).
- <u>Always grade 4 (no lower grade precursor</u>)
- Age: 6th-8th decades of life
- Site: cerebral hemispheres (temporal, parietal, frontal lobes, basal ganglia and thalamus)
- Radiology: ring enhancing lesion

- Clinically:
 - rapid progression
 - Sezures, neurocognitive impairment, neursea, vomitting, and headache
 - Rapid infiltration of the corpus callosum with growth to the contralateral hemosphere leading to bilateral symmetrical lesion (butterfly glioma)

• **Prognosis:** Very Poor even with resection, chemotherapy and radiotherapy the median survival is only about 15-18 months.

Macroscopic:

- variation in the gross appearance of the <u>tumor from region to region is</u> <u>characteristic (was called glioblastoma</u> <u>multiforme).</u>
- Some areas are firm and white, others are soft and yellow (due to tissue necrosis), others show regions of cystic degeneration and hemorrhage.



• Microscopic:

• Similar to astrocytoma, IDH- mutant, grade 4 with High cellularity, Prominent nuclear atypia, Brisk mitotic activity <u>and</u>

<u>Necrosis:</u> irregular zones of necrosis surrounded by dense accumulations of tumor cells (**palisading necrosis**)

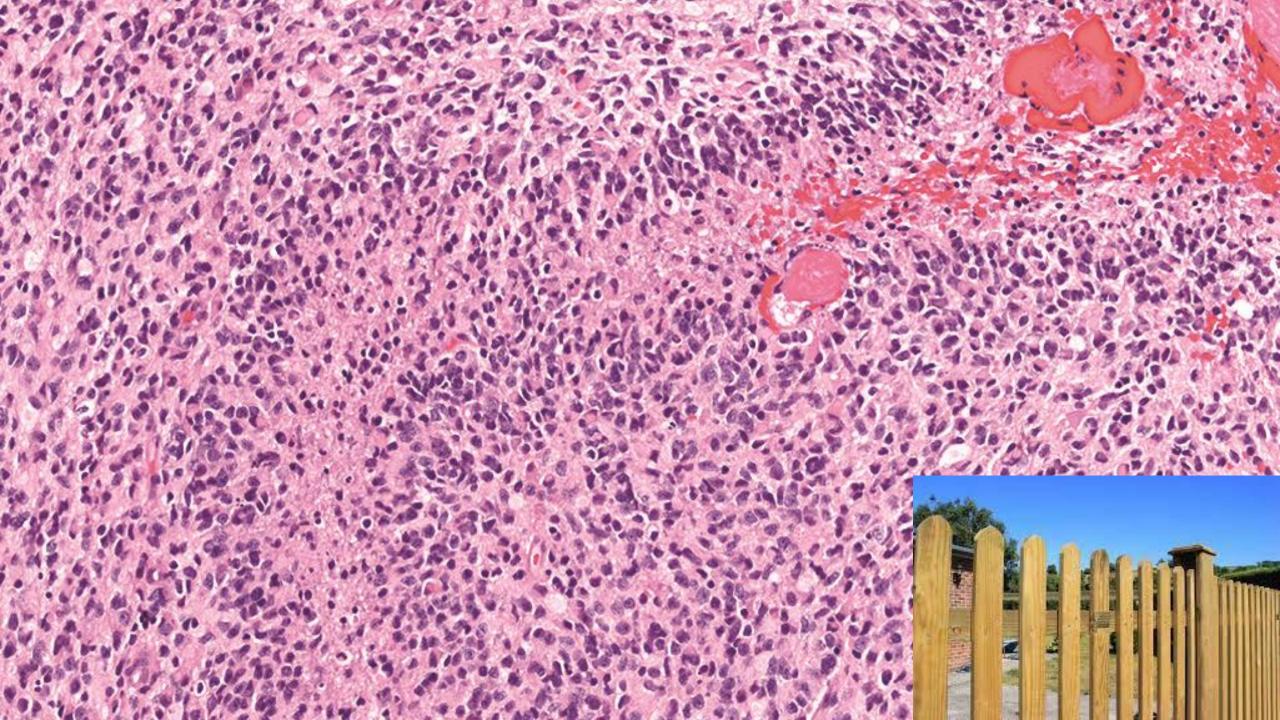
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microvascular proliferation:

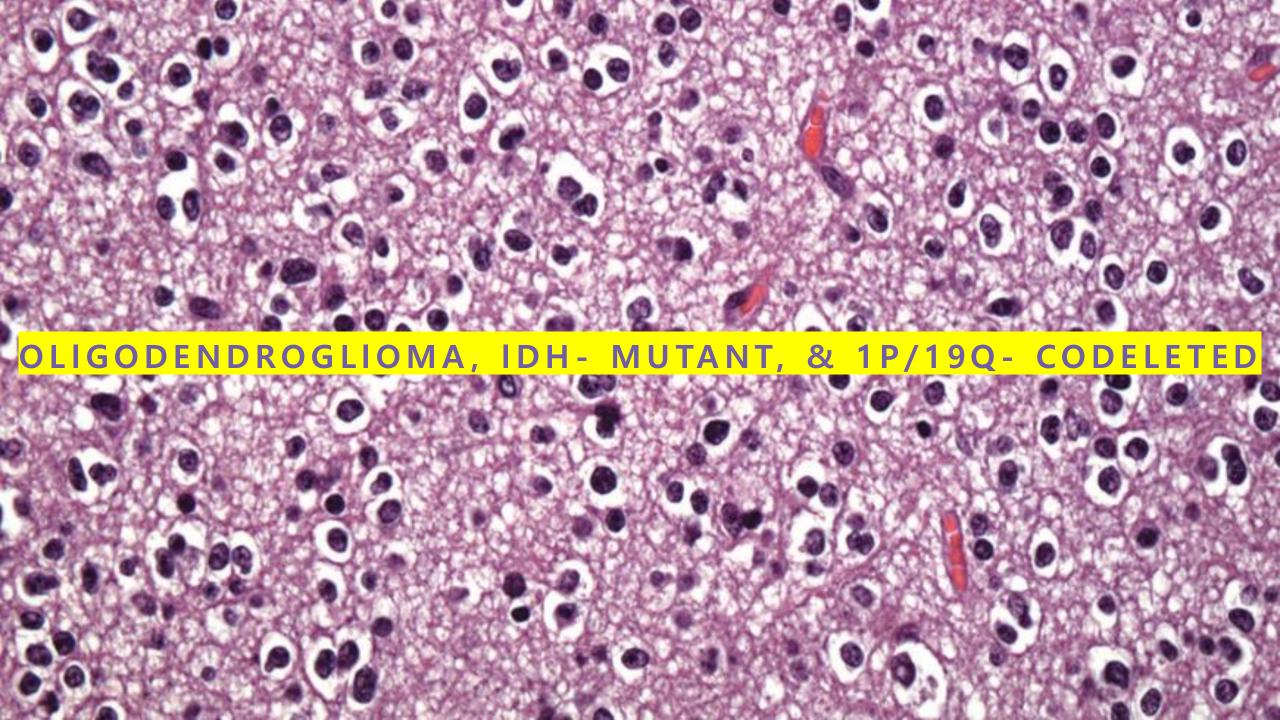
the presence of abnormal vessels with walls composed $2 \ge layers$ of vascular wall cells.

The presence of any of the following Molecular features (even in the absence of necrosis or microvascular proliferation) lead to the designation of glioblastoma, IDH wildtype, grade 4:

- The presence of TERT promotor mutation
- EGFR gene amplification
- +7/-10 chromosome copy number changes



Manual of basic neuropathology, 5th rdition



Definition:

A <u>diffusely infiltrating</u>, slow-growing glioma with IDH1 or IDH2 mutation and codeletion of chromosomal arms 1p and 19q.

• 5-15% of gliomas

• Age at diagnosis: 40-50 yrs.

• Location: mostly in the cerebral hemispheres, mainly in the frontal or temporal lobes, white matter.

- The combination of surgery, chemotherapy, and radiotherapy yields an average survival of:
- 10-20 years for WHO grade 2.
- 5-10 years for WHO grade 3.

• Grade 3 is more aggressive than grade 2 oligodendroglioma

• <u>When corrected for tumor grade, oligodendrogliomas (CNS WHO grade</u> 2,3) <u>Have best prognosis among diffuse glial tumors</u>

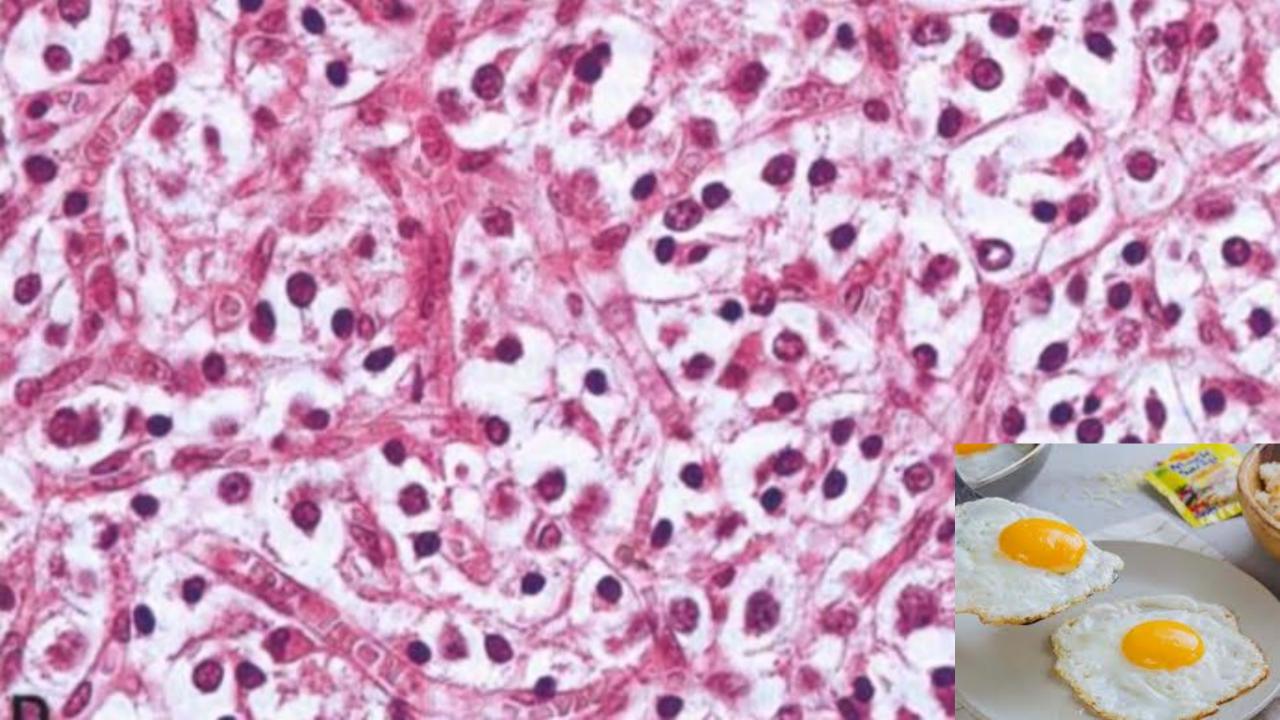
NO grade 1 OR 4 oligodendroglioma

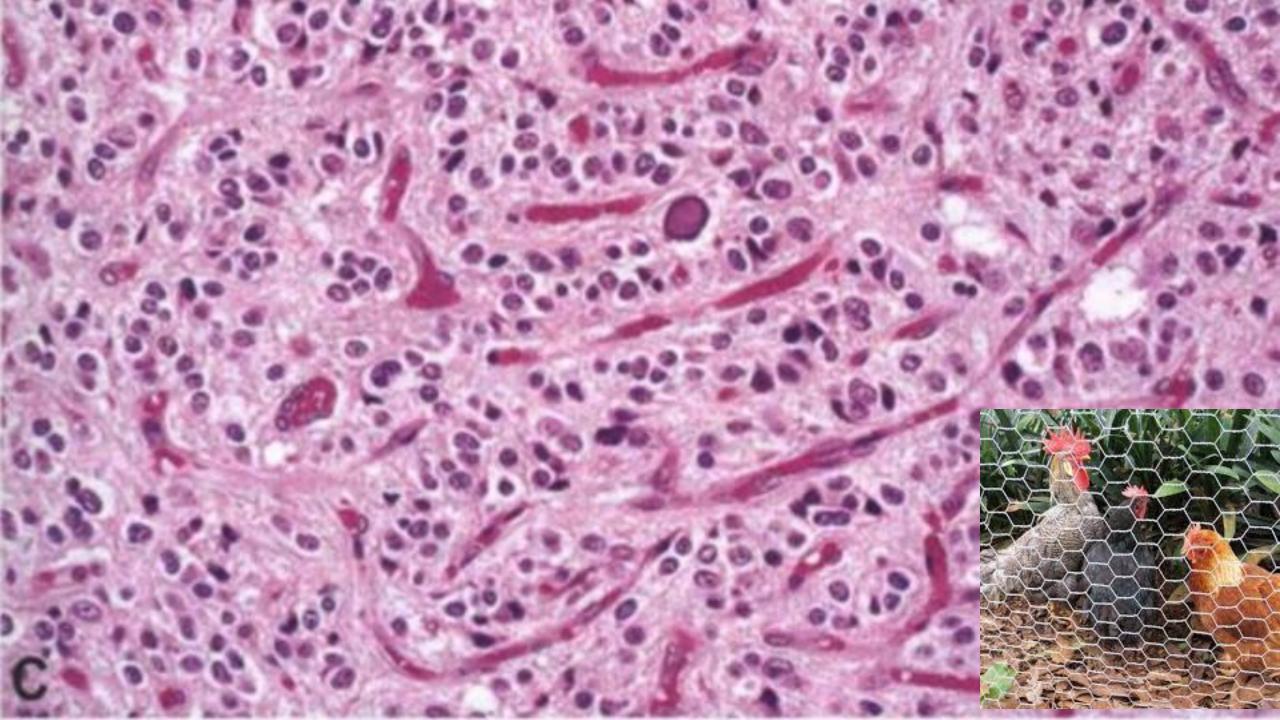
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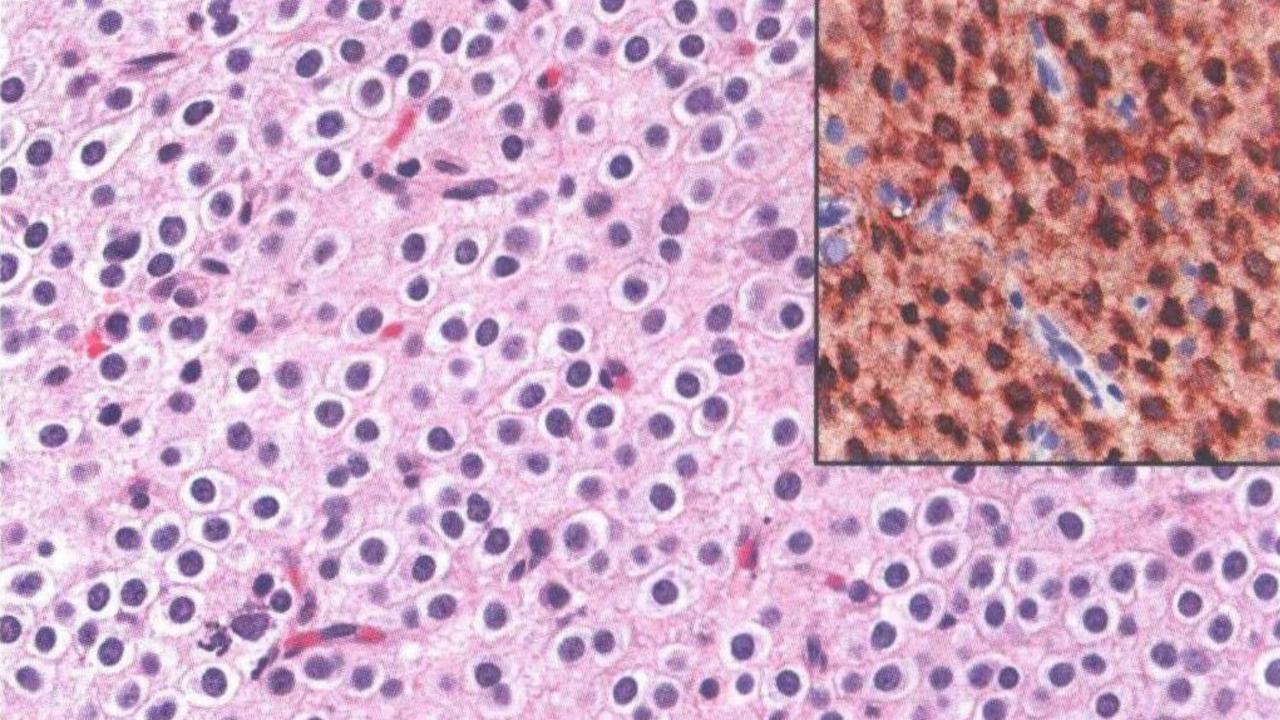
- infiltrative tumors with blurring of grey matter-white matter boundary.
- +/- gelatinous gray mass, cysts, focal hemorrhage, and calcification.

Microscopic:

- sheets of <u>regular uniform cells</u> resembling oligodendrocytes
- spherical nuclei containing finely granular chromatin (salt and pepper)
- The nuclei are surrounded by a <u>clear halo</u> of cytoplasm → fried-egg appearance.
- delicate network of "chicken-wire" –like <u>anastomosing</u> capillaries





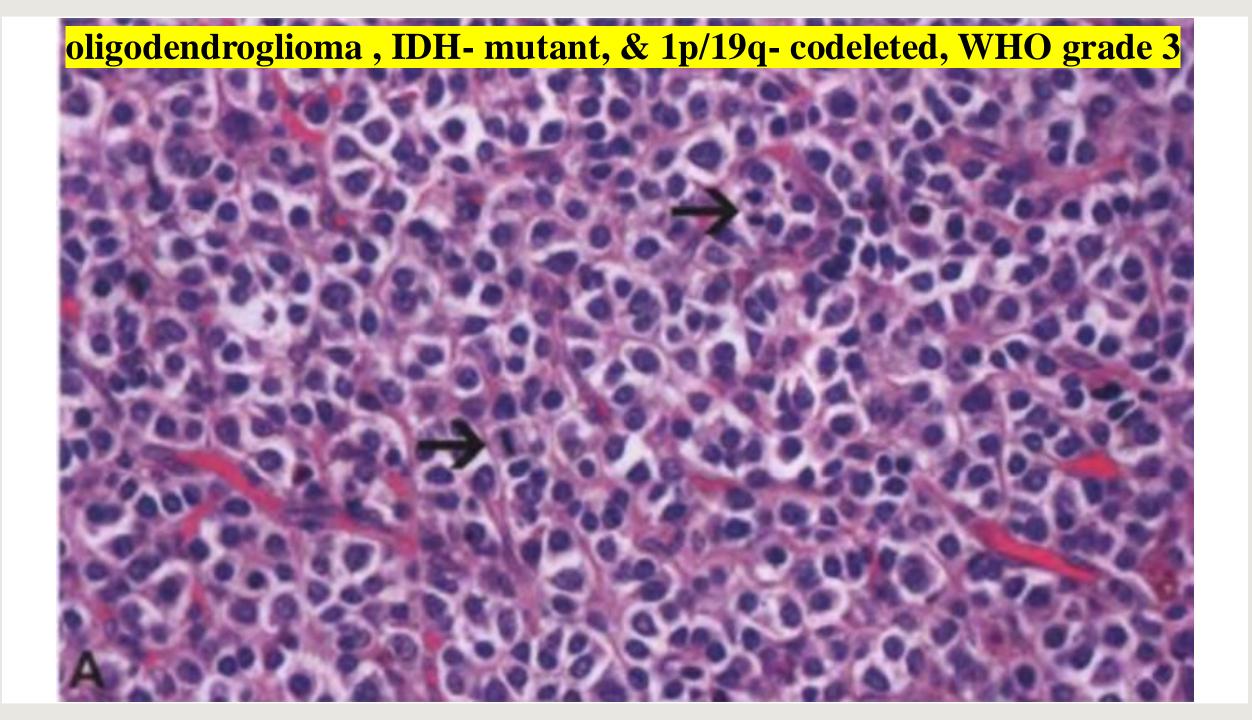


• <u>Calcification up to 90</u>% of cases.

• Mitotic activity usually is **absent or low (Ki67<5%)**

• <u>No spontaneous necrosis</u>

• No microvascular proliferation

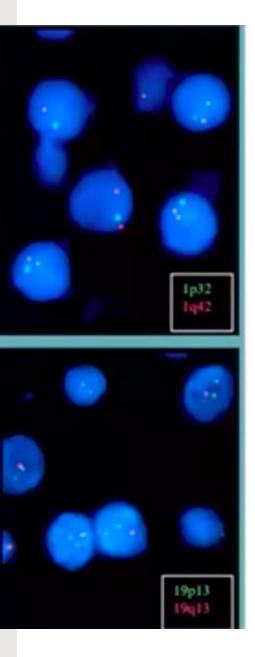


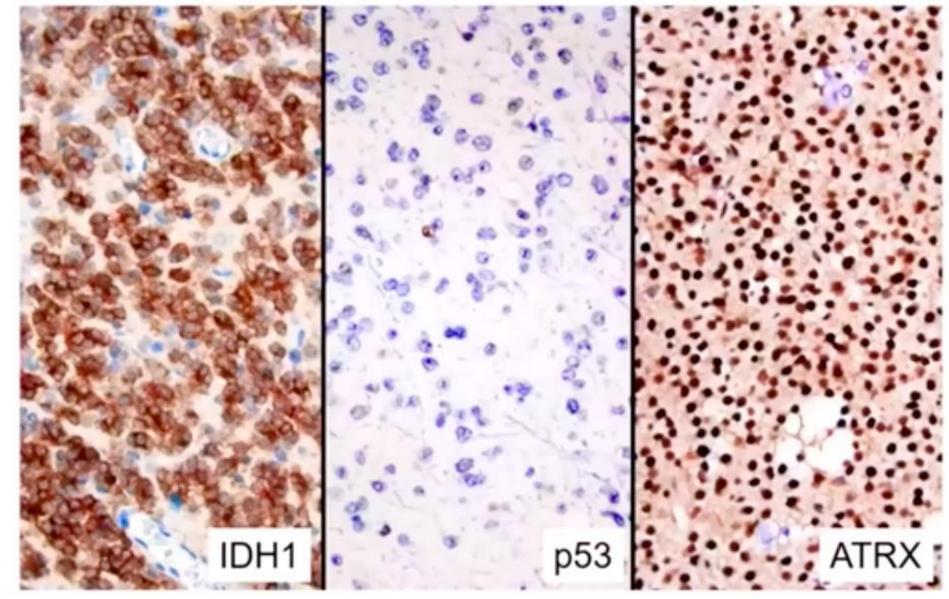
oligodendroglioma , IDH- mutant, & 1p/19q- codeleted WHO grade 3:

 Defined as: An IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted oligodendroglioma with focal or diffuse histological features of anaplasia (in particular, <u>pathological microvascular proliferation and/or brisk mitotic</u> <u>activity with or without necrosis</u>).

IDHm 1p/19q-codel Oligodendrogliomas, grades 2-3

| Essential diagnostic criteria for oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted, WHO grade 2 | Essential diagnostic criteria for oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted, WHO grade 3 |
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| A diffuse glioma | A diffuse glioma |
| WITH | WITH |
| an IDH1 codon 132 or IDH2 codon 172 missense mutation* | an IDH1 codon 132 or IDH2 codon 172 missense mutation* |
| AND | AND |
| combined whole arm deletions of 1p and 19q | combined whole arm deletions of 1p and 19q |
| AND | AND |
| absence of histological features of anaplasia. | histological features of anaplasia, including brisk mitotic activity and/or pathological microvascular proliferation with or without necrosis |
| | AND/OR |
| | homozygous CDKN2A deletion**. |







EPENDYMOMA, WHO 2&3



• **Definition:**

glioma, Mostly arise next to the ependyma- lined ventricular system, including the central canal of the spinal cord.

- Location:
 - **posterior fossa:** near the 4th ventricle, accounting for 5-10% of tumors in the first two decades of life
 - supratentorial
 - **Spinal:** the most common location in adults and in patients with NF2

- Age:
 - In the first 2 decades of life; near the 4th ventricle (post. Fossa) accounting for 5-10% of primary brain tumors in this age group.

 In adults the spinal cord and supratentorial ependymomas occur with almost equal frequency

• The clinical outcome for completely resected supratentorial and spinal ependymomas is better than for those in the posterior fossa.

Ependymoma, WHO grade 2, microscopic:

- uniform small cells with round to oval nuclei and granular chromatin in a fibrillary background
- low cellularity
- low mitotic count
- No necrosis or MVP
- Cilia and microvilli are seen on ultrastructural examination.

Ependymoma WHO grade 2, Morphology:

Tumor cells may form glandlike structures (rosettes) → Rosette formation:

- **Ependymal rosettes:** diagnostic hallmark of ependymoma (25%)
- **perivascular pseudorosettes:** not specific for ependymoma (seen in glioblastoma and medulloblastoma)



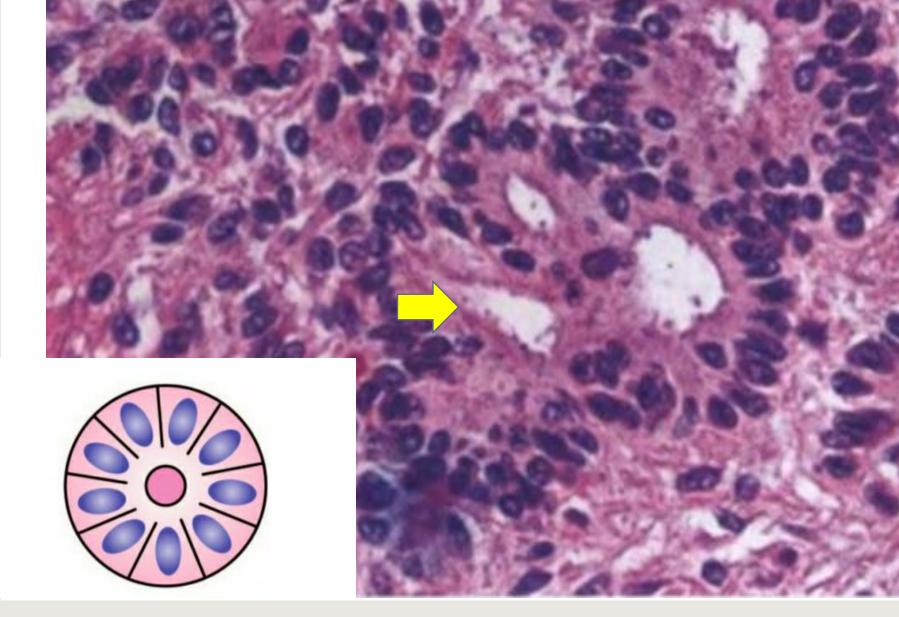
Ependymal rosettes:

- tumor cells arranged around <u>central canal or lumen</u> that resemble the embryologic ependymal canal, with long, delicate processes extending into a lumen.

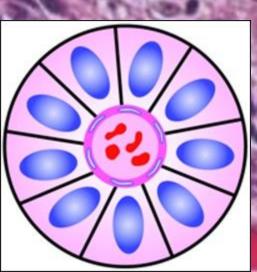
Perivascular pseudorosettes:

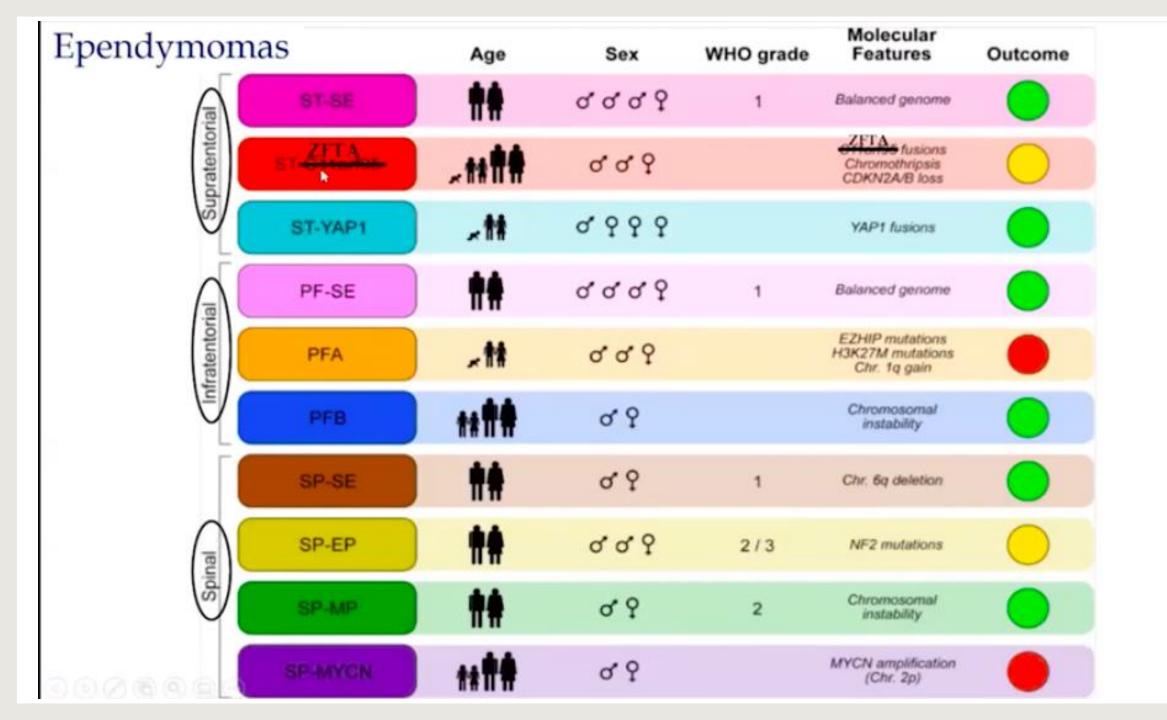
- tumor cells radially arranged around <u>vessels</u>.
- Called "pseudo" because the central structure is not formed by the tumor itself, but instead represents a native, non-neoplastic element.

Ependymal rosettes



perivascular pseudorosettes







- Anaplastic ependymomas, WHO grade 3:
- Show less evident ependymal differentiation.
- brisk mitotic rates, and microvascular proliferation carry more prognostic impact than necrosis and atypia.

