

# ★ Topic 1:- stroke & ↑ intracranial pressure.

1) stroke or cerebrovascular accident :- Acute, Neurological  
By a vascular cause, symptoms develops quickly → 24h

• <24 hours:- Transient ischemic attack (Risk of CVA)

• Types → Ischemic stroke :- <sup>(85%)</sup> occlusion by thrombi or emboli

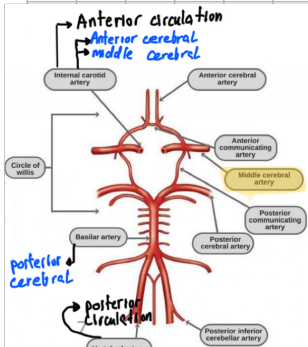
→ Thrombotic: common sites → carotid bifurcation, origin of middle, Base of basilar

→ Embolic: more common

→ source → cardiac mural thrombi :- valve, fib, arterial atheroma :- carotic & Aortic, venous :- cardiac defect (paradoxical) DVT (thigh), fat embolism.

→ common site: ★ Middle cerebral artery ★  
• vessels branch or stenotic (atherosclerosis)

→ Hemorrhagic :- 15%, vessel rupture (hypertension/vasculitis)



• Distinguish types:- Tx of anticoagulant.

• Risk Factors:- Same as atherosclerosis

• Age, inactivity, ↑BP, Heart, DM, smoking, obesity.

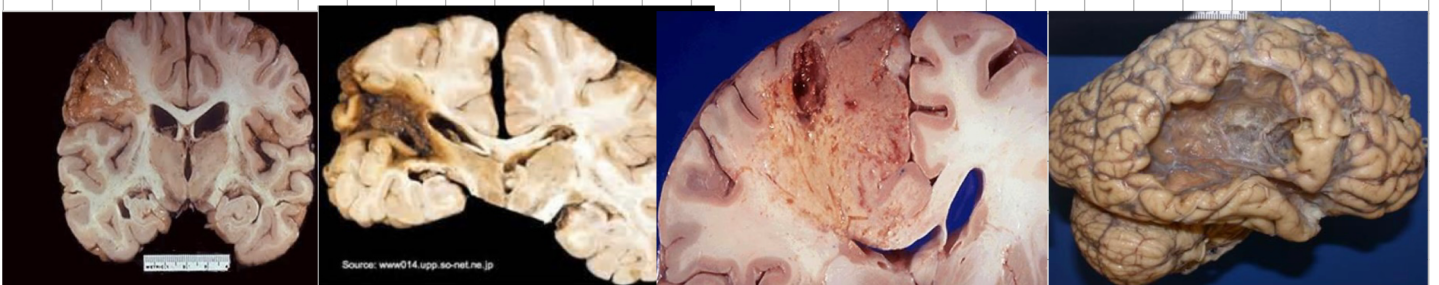


• Clinical Features :- (FAST)

- F - Face :- dropped one side
- A - Arms :- not able to lift both arms (numbness in one arm).
- S - speech :- slurred or garbled
- T - Time :- Emergency.

• Macroscopic Appearance

- early (48h) :- pale, soft swollen area (edema + loss of neuron)
- middle (2-10d) :- gelatinous and friable.
- Late (1w-3w) :- Liquefaction necrosis (ischemic) → cavitation

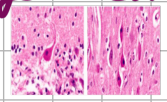
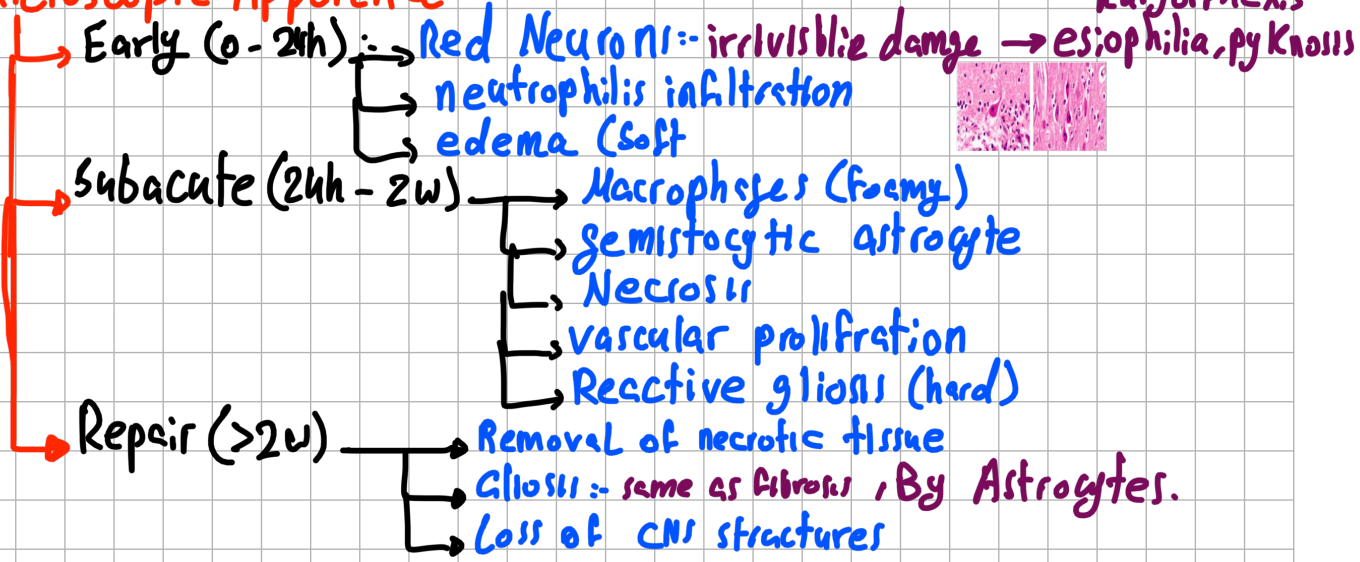


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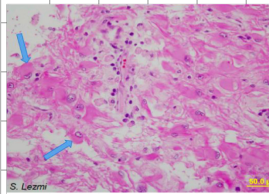
Liquefaction

→ cavitation.

## • Microscopic Appearance



## • Gemistocytic astrocyte



- Hyper (trophy & plasia)
- enlarged nuclei
- prominent nucleoli.
- ↑ pink cytoplasm
- ↑, ramifying process.

## 2) Intracranial pressure

- cranium (كبة) :- skull bone cannot expand
  - ↳ so ↑ pressure = ↑ intracranial pressure.
  - ↳ Inside cranium
    - ↳ 80% brain tissue :- 75% fluid (Intracellular & interstitial)
    - ↳ 10% blood
    - ↳ 10% CSF

## • Monro-Kellie hypothesis :-

- Intracranial volume =  $V_{CNS} (Brain) + V_{CSF} + V_{Blood} + V_{Lesion}$ 
  - ↳ any lesion → ↑ volume → ↑ intracranial pressure.

## • Intracranial pressure :- 7-15 mmHg

## • Causes of Increase ICP

- Mass :- tumor, hematoma, abscess
- Swelling :- ischemia, hypoxia, hypertension
- ↑ venous pressure :- HF.
- Hydrocephalus :- ↑ CSF (obstruction)
- Idiopathic or unknown.

## Clinical presentation

- Early
  - non-specific symptoms:- headache & vomiting.
  - Cushing reflex:- Hypertension (↑BP), bradycardia, Breathing.
- More advanced:- neurological:- disturbed consciousness.
- Later:- complications:- herniation & seizures

## Brain edema / cerebral edema :- fluid accumulation in brain parenchyma

vasogenic.  
cytotoxic.

- Distinction diminished
  - gyri :- widened by fluid
  - sulci :- filled with fluid → narrow



## Herniation (complication) :- ↑ volume → ↑ ICP → expansion of Brain

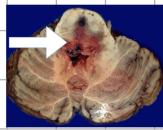
### Subfalcine / cingulate

- Location:- under edge of falx.
- causes:- compress anterior cerebral artery → Ischemia.

### Transtentorial / Uncinate

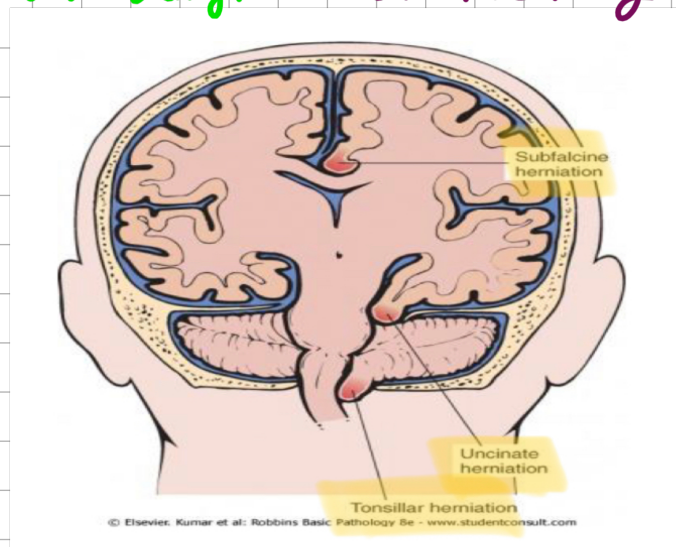
- Location:- Medial temporal lobe / free margin of tentorium from supra → Intra-tentorial compartment.

- causes
  - III cranial nerve compress:- Dilated pupil, impaired ocular movement ipsilateral.
  - posterior cerebral artery:- ischemia to visual cortex
    - Duret haemorrhage:- haemorrhage in midbrain & pons → fatal

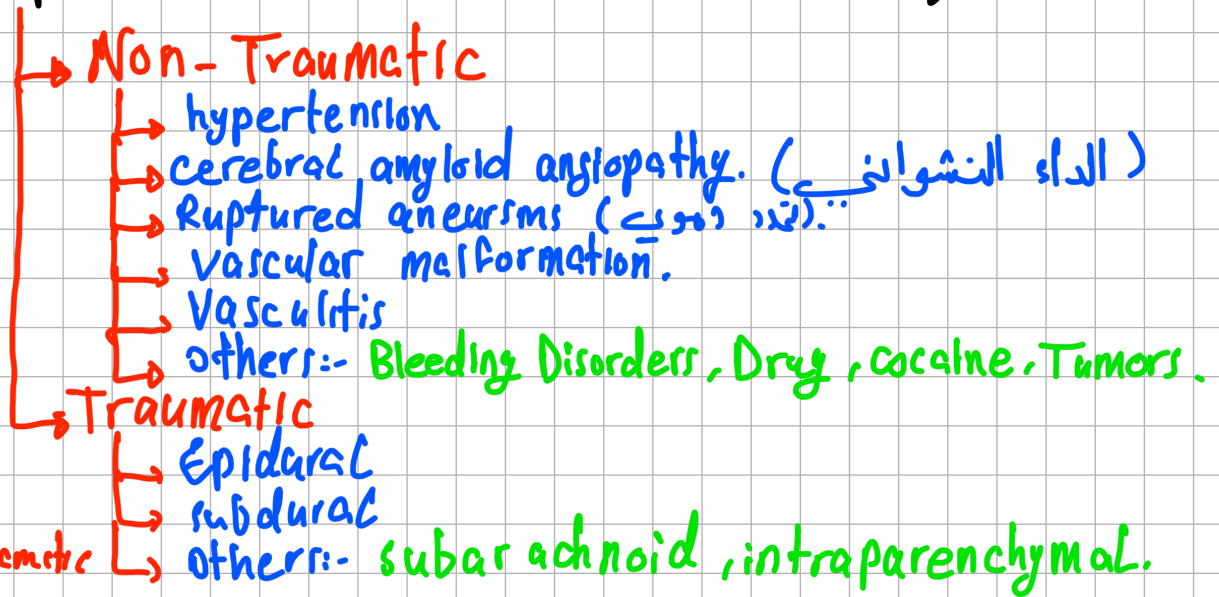


### Tonsillar

- Location:- Displaced tonsils through foramen magnum.
- causes:- Brain stem compressing, (cardiac & respiratory centers in medulla).
- Most dangerous:- Life threatening.



# ★ Topic 2:- Intracranial hemorrhage



## 1 Hypertension → primary/spontaneous parenchymal hemorrhage.

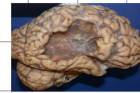
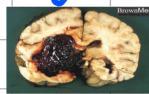
- 60y, due to rupture of small intra-parenchymal vessels
- most common cause of non-traumatic hemorrhage.
- most affected site:- BG, thalamus, pon & cerebellum.

→ hyaline arteriosclerosis → weak → Rupture (↑BP)  
↳ hyaline thickening (pink) + narrow lumen.

- can cause Charcot-Bouchard microaneurysms.

- symptoms:
  - ↳ neurological symptoms related to area affected.
  - ↳ symptoms of ↑ intracranial pressure

- morphology:- Extravasated blood → cavitation

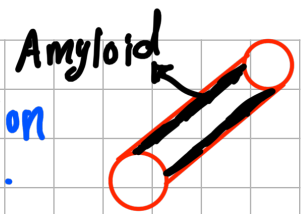


- hypertension effects

- ↳ massive intra-cranial pressure
- ↳ Lacunar infarcts:- small infarcts in grey matter caused by narrowing of large cerebral artery.
- ↳ Vessel rupture:- small penetrating vessels → subarachnoid hemorrhage
- ↳ Acute hypertensive encephalopathy (edema)

## 2 Vasculitis:- Inflammation of vessels → weakens → rupture → hemorrhage.

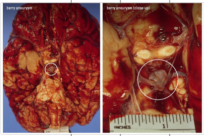
- ↳ Infectious:- Syphilis, TB, CMV, Herpes, Aspergilliosis (immunane)
- ↳ non-infectious
  - ↳ polyarteritis nodosa (localized middle cerebral)
  - ↳ primary angitis → encephalopathy.



3 **Cerebral amyloid angiopathy** :- Amyloid deposition  
 • usually lobar hemorrhage, long-standing.

• Amyloidosis :- Deposition of extracellular fibrillary proteins (misfolded) → chemically differs, same physically → Tissue damage  
 ↳ **Microscope ( Congo Red )** :- Continuous, non-branching fibrils with a cross-β-pleated sheet.

4 **Ruptured berry aneurysm** :- most common non-Traumatic subarachnoid hemorrhage, Due to intracranial pressure  
 ↳ other causes :- vascular malformation, trauma, tumor, hemetolysis



↳ 90% in the anterior circulation, near branching, 20-30% multiple

5 **Vascular malformations**

- ↳ cavernous malformation
- ↳ capillary telangiectasia
- ↳ venous angioma

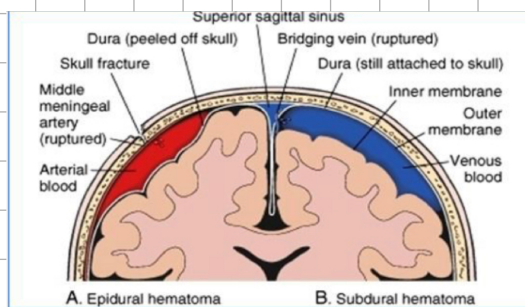
↳ Arteriovenous malformation :- Most common type, M>F, 10-30y  
 ↳ symptoms :- seizures & hemorrhage.

- Sites of hemorrhage
  - 1) Intra cranial :- non-traumatic
  - 2) subarachnoid :- Both (traumatic & non)
  - 3) subdural :- traumatic
  - 4) extra (epi)dural :- traumatic ↳ Related to Dura

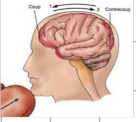
★ **Traumatic Lesion** :- mortality & disability, depends on extent & site

↳ Subdural :- Rapid movement during trauma, venous blood.

↳ Epidural :- fracture, middle meningeal artery, Arterial blood.



• **Head injury** :- without / with external signs of Injury, blunt / penetrating



↳ **Coup** :- injury in site of impact

↳ **Counter coup** :- injury opposite site of impact.

→ **contusions**

# ★ Topic 3 :- myelination diseases of CNS.

- **Demyelinating** :- acquired, damage to previously myelinated axons due to environmental cause.
  - **Dysmyelinating** :- Leukodystrophy, inherited mutations of proteins that form myelin.
- Autoimmune  
 → viral  
 → Drugs  
 → toxins

## • Demyelinating diseases :- Acquired destruction.

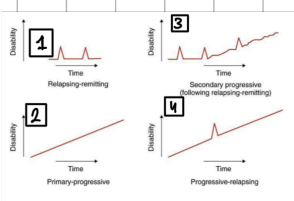
- multiple sclerosis (MS) :- most common, autoimmune
- Neuromyelitis optica :- Autoimmune → optic Nerve & spinal cord
- post infectious demyelination
- central pontine myelinolysis

**1** Multiple sclerosis :- Episodes of neurologic deficits separated in time (symptom  $\xrightarrow{\text{Time}}$  another symptom) & separated in space (different in the site) which attributed to white matter (axon).

• **epidemiology** :- F > M, young female (20-40), rare in old & young.

• **clinically** :- variable (site), reversible but the disease can recur

↳ **Course**



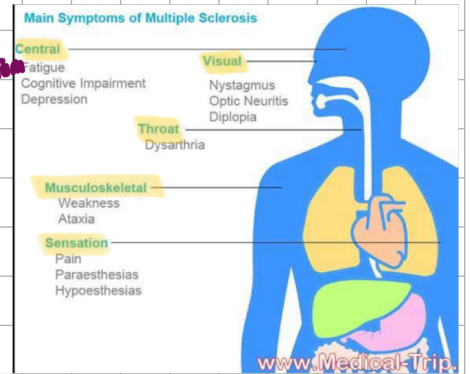
→ **relapsing - Remitting** :- Normal - symptoms

→ **primary progressive** :- No remission & get worse by time.

→ **secondary progressive** :- 1 then 2

→ **progressive relapsing** :- 2 + periods

• cannot be predict, time will tell



## • **Outcomes**

↳ **Capacity to regenerate myeline**

↳ **secondary damage of axons** :- after repeated relapses (usually don't effect axon but with repeated attacks autoimmune response → secondary axonal damage (late))

• **pathogenesis** :- Autoimmune disease, onset of symptoms by environmental Trigger (viral) & Genetic

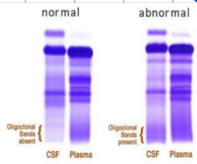
• Loss of Tolerance of self-protein in myeline sheath.

• **Genetics** :- x16 1st degree relatives, 25% twins, HLA DR2 & gene for encoding cytokines receptors (IL2 & 7).

• **CD4 (T-helper)** → TH1 :- secrete Interleukin gamma → Macrophage

→ TH17 :- recruits WBC → cytokines

\* (cellular immunity) \*



- CD8 & B Lymphocyte play a role
- oligoclonal bands :- IgG (IgM) in CSF by electrophoresis (separate protein according to size & charge).
  - ↳ Normally CSF proteins  $\leftarrow$  plasma proteins.
  - ↳ extra bands = intrathecally (in CSF)

- Morphology :- white matter (axons), multiple plaques (sclerotic)
  - ↳ 2 Types of plaques
    - ↳ Active plaques :- ongoing myelin breakdown (inflammation)
    - ↳ Quiescent (inactive) plaques :- No Inflammation
      - ↳ Astrocytic proliferation.
      - ↳ prominent gliosis.

[2] Neuromyelitis optica :- inflammatory demyelinating disease affecting mainly optic Nerve & spinal cord.

- pathogenesis :- Antibodies against aquaporin-4 (Diagnostic), humoral

[3] post infectious demyelination :- After viral (not direct, autoimmune)

- ↳ Acute disseminating encephalitis :- 1-2w, non-localized symptoms.
- ↳ Acute necrotizing hemorrhagic encephalomyelitis :- more danger

[4] Central pontine myelinolysis :- not immune, edema of oligodendrocyte  $\rightarrow$  separating myelin from axons (pons)

- occurs after rapid correction of hyponatremia (change in osmolarity).
- Pons :- motor relay center  $\rightarrow$  quadriplegia (lock in syndrome)

- Locked in syndrome :- aware but cannot move due to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles in the body except vertical eye movement & blinking (runs dorsally) (damage of ventral pons)

- Dysmyelinating diseases :- Leukodystrophies, Inherited disease
  - ↳ mostly autosomal recessive, sometimes X-linked (mutation)
  - ↳ Normal in children  $\rightarrow$  losing developmental milestones in infancy.
  - ↳ progressively & fatal.

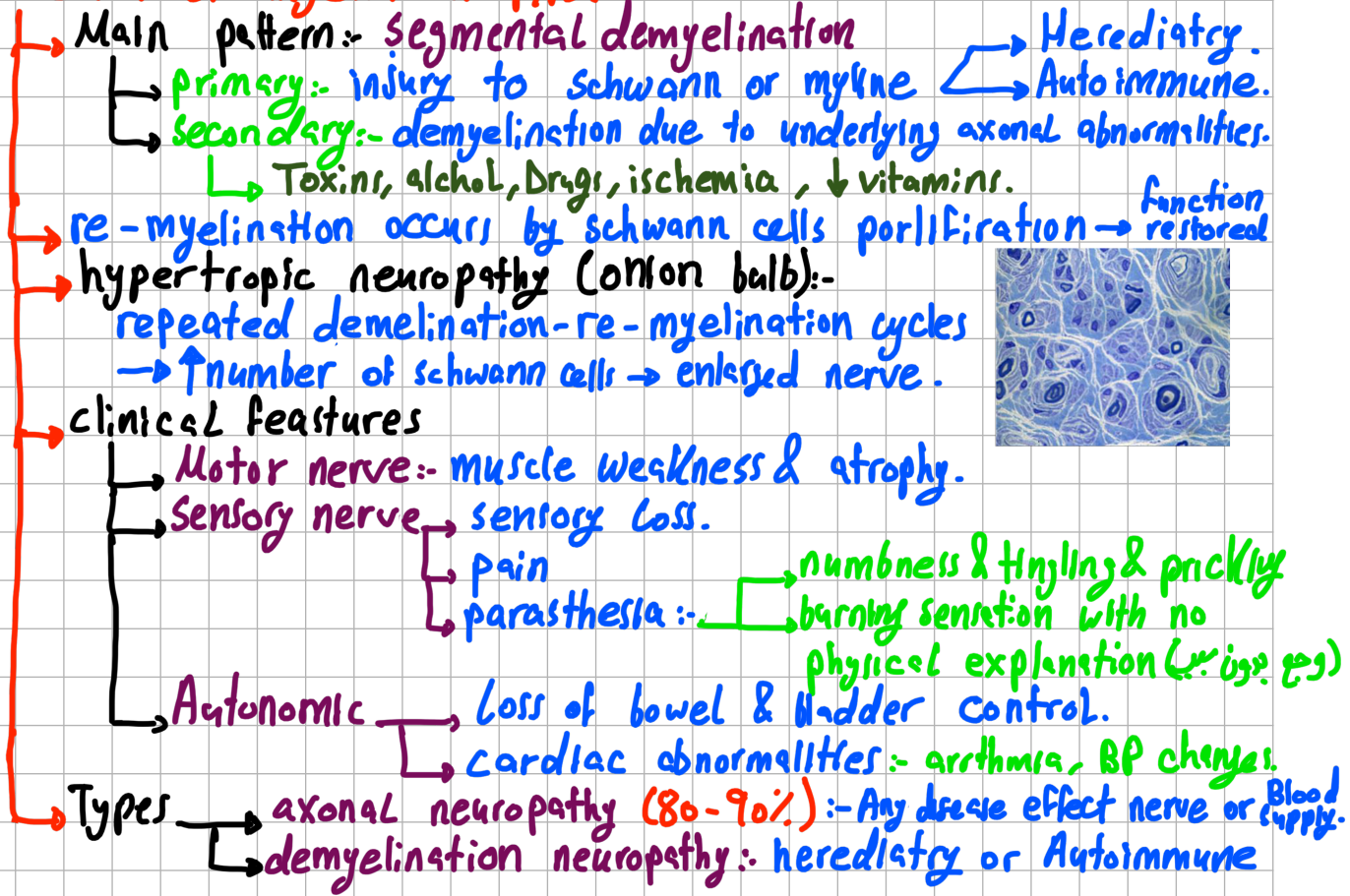


# ★ Topic 4:- myelin disease of the PNS.

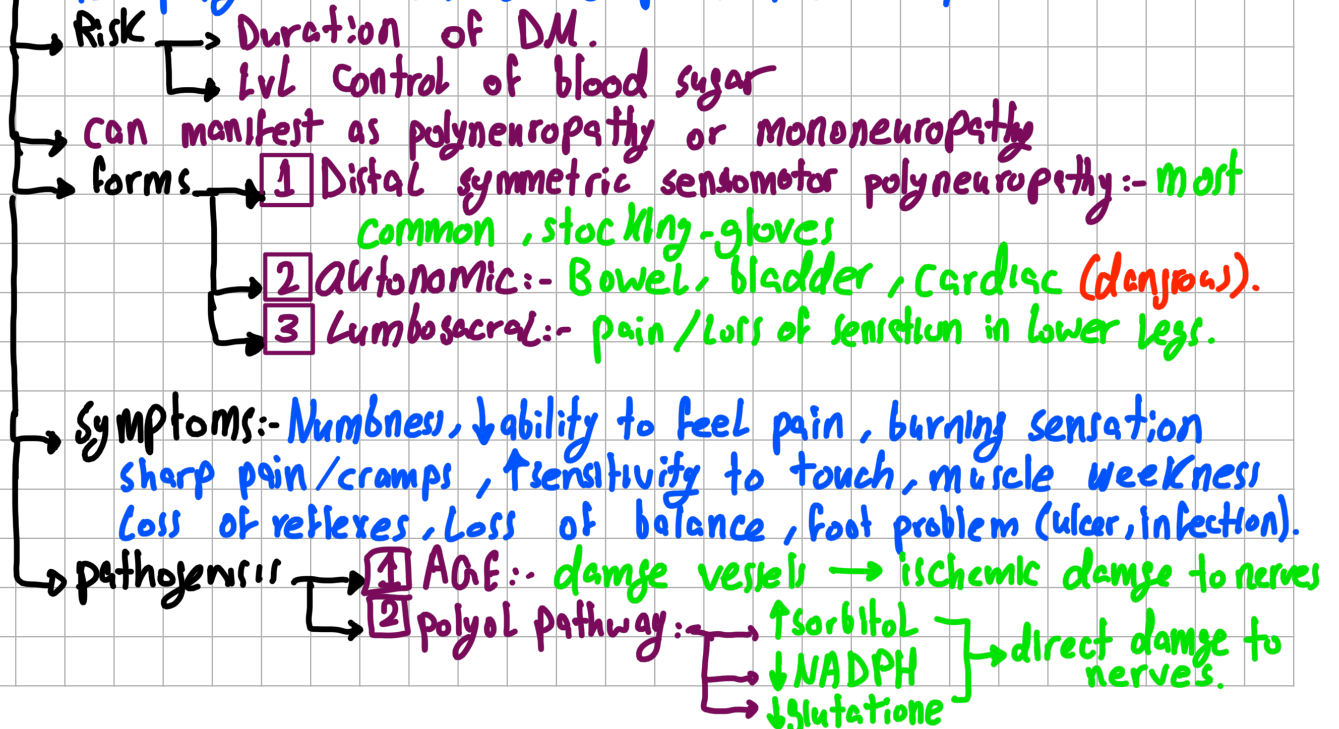
- **myelin:-** protein-lipid complex wrapped around the axons by
  - ↳ CNS:- oligodendrocyte.
  - ↳ PNS:- Schwann cells.

predominant component of white matter.

## • Diseases of myelin in PNS.



## 1 Diabetic neuropathy:- most common cause of generalized peripheral neuropathy & most common complication of DM.



## 1 Advanced glycation end products (AGE)

- formed by nonenzymatic interaction between Glucose derived precursors & Amino acids (protein + Glucose). forms glycated proteins.

### • glycated proteins + RAGE receptors

RAGE present in

- inflammatory cells :- macrophages + T-Lymphocytes
- Blood vessels :- endothelial & vascular smooth muscle cells

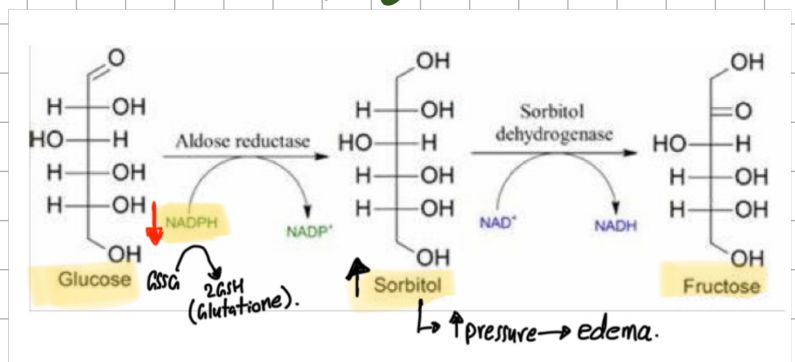
### • effects of AGE + RAGE

Direct → Formation of reactive oxygen species.  
          → cytokines & growth factor formation.

Ischemic → procoagulant (↓ lumen)  
          → proliferation of SM & ↑ extracellular matrix  
          → Microangiopathy :- Thickness of vessels

## 2 polyol pathway

→ ↑ sorbitol.  
→ ↓ NADPH.  
→ ↓ glutathione.



- sorbitol can't cross plasma membrane → ↑ osmotic pressure → edema → damage.

- polyol pathway uses NADPH → ↓ NADPH → ↓ glutathione → ↑ oxidative stress

## 2 Guillain Barre syndrome: autoimmune neuropathy for myelin or axon

- follows → Infections :- campylobacter jejuni (most common), CMV, EBV
- immunization or surgery.
- CSF :- ↑ proteins, ↓ WBC.

★ Covid 19 ★

- clinical features :- Acute, symmetric, paralysis, begins distally → ascends proximally.
  - may cause respiratory difficulty if it reach diaphragm.
  - Autonomic involvement → cardiac arrhythmia (↑BP, ↓BP)

- outcome :- resolves 2-4 weeks after onset.

## • Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP)

- similar to Guillian Barre syndrome. But chronic (2m or more).
- immune mediated with no history of infection.
- associated with Autoimmune diseases & AIDS.