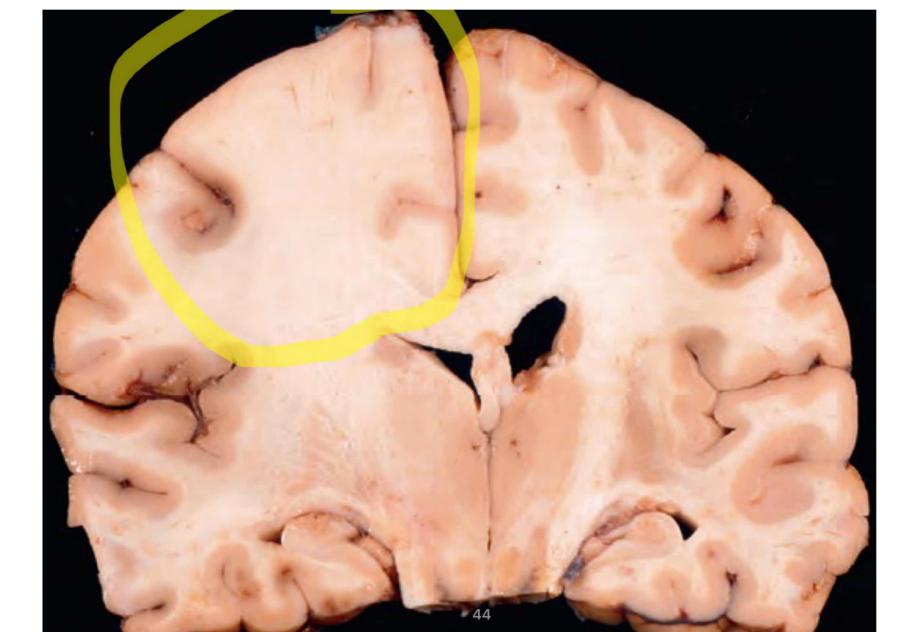
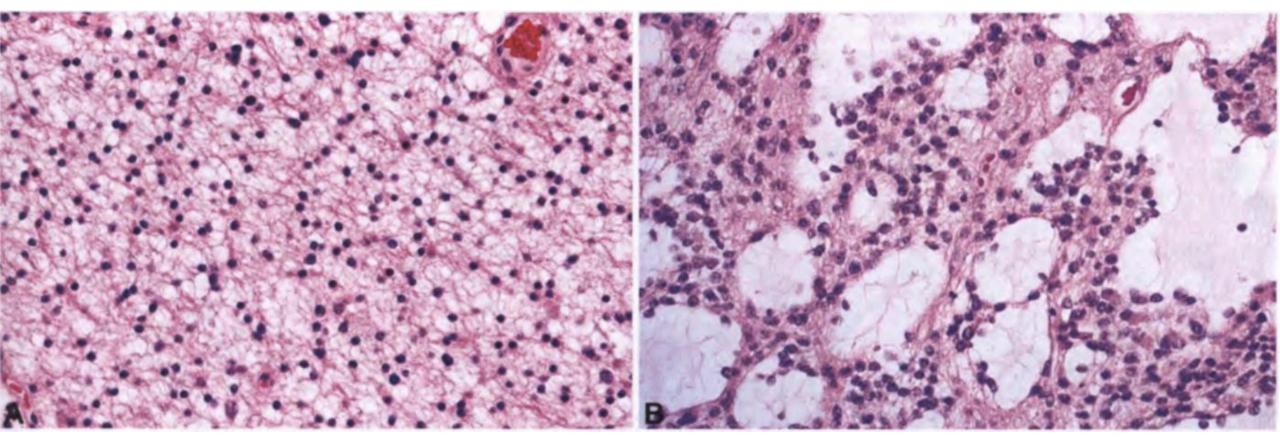
PATHOLOGY LAB

Modified by kotkot Checked by doc maram Diffuse astrocytoma ,grade 2 &3 Infiltrative ,gray-white matter junction isn't distinct



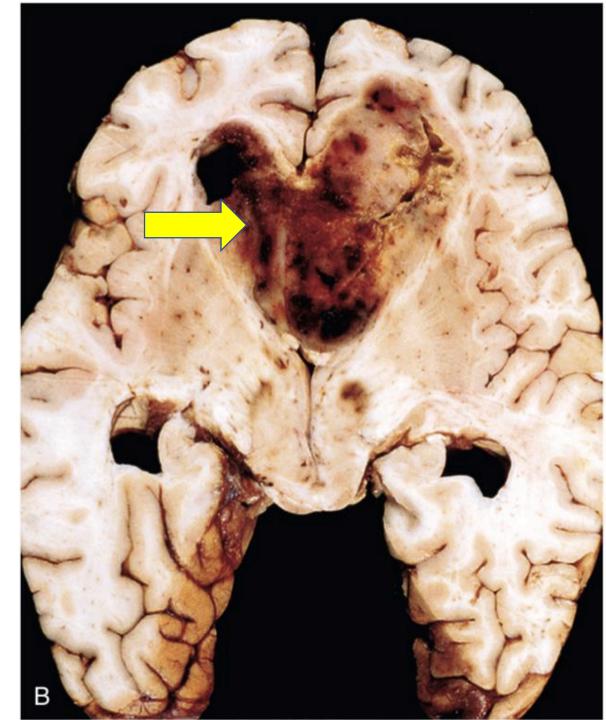


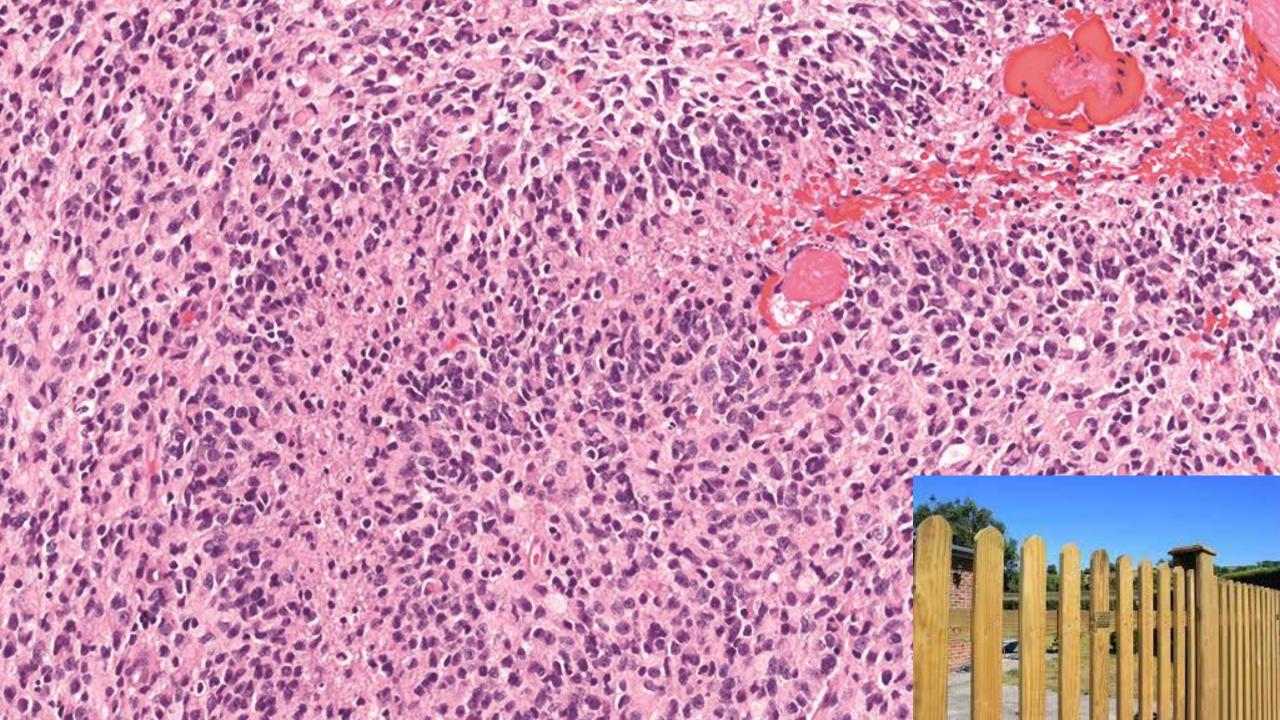
WHO classification of tumors of the central nervous system revised 4th edition, 2016,

Dark dots ,hyperchromatic astrocytes

• Macroscopic:

- <u>variation in the gross appearance of the</u> <u>tumor from region to region is</u> <u>characteristic (was called **glioblastoma 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.





Manual of basic neuropathology, 5th rdition

• Microscopic:

• anaplastic astrocytoma features + either:

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

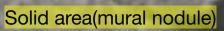
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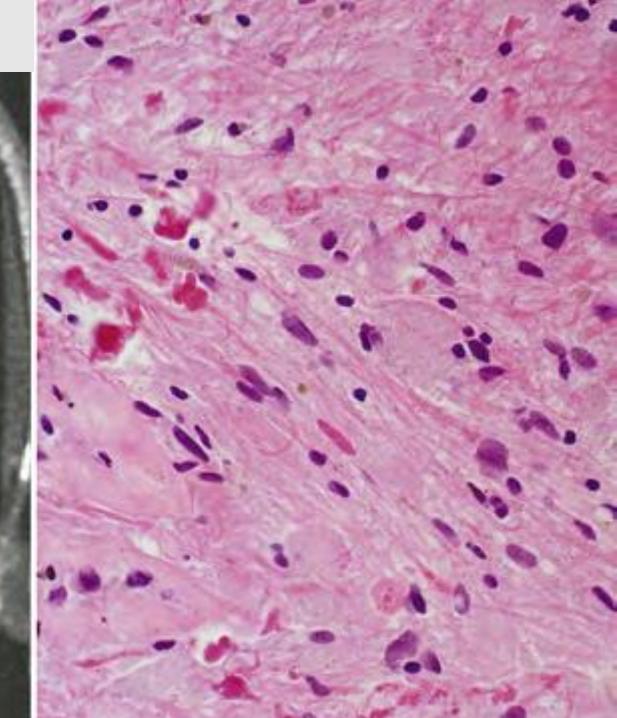
microvascular proliferation:

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

well circumscribed, cystic with a mural nodule in the wall of the cyst or solid

Cyst

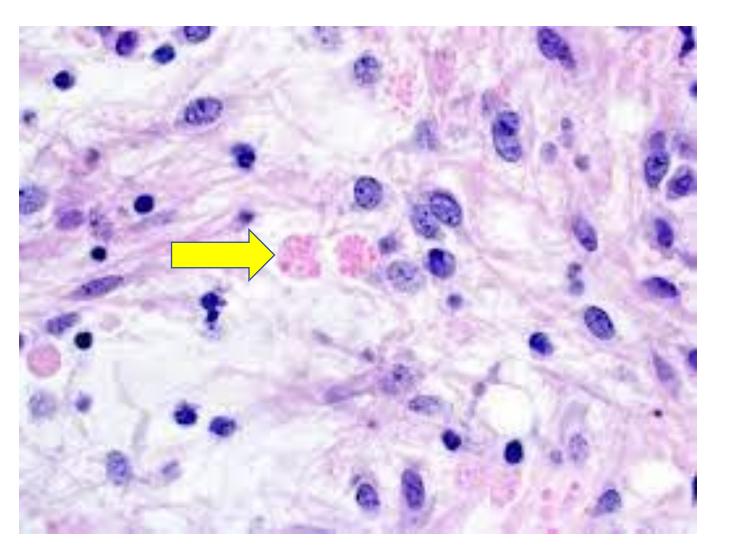






Rosenthal fibers

- are rounded or elongated,
 homogenous, and brightly
 eosinophilic structures within the
 astrocytic processes
- made of clumped <u>intermediate</u> <u>filament</u> proteins, primarily <u>glial</u> <u>fibrillar</u>)
- Can be physiologic (gliosis) or pathologic (PA) and Alexander disease



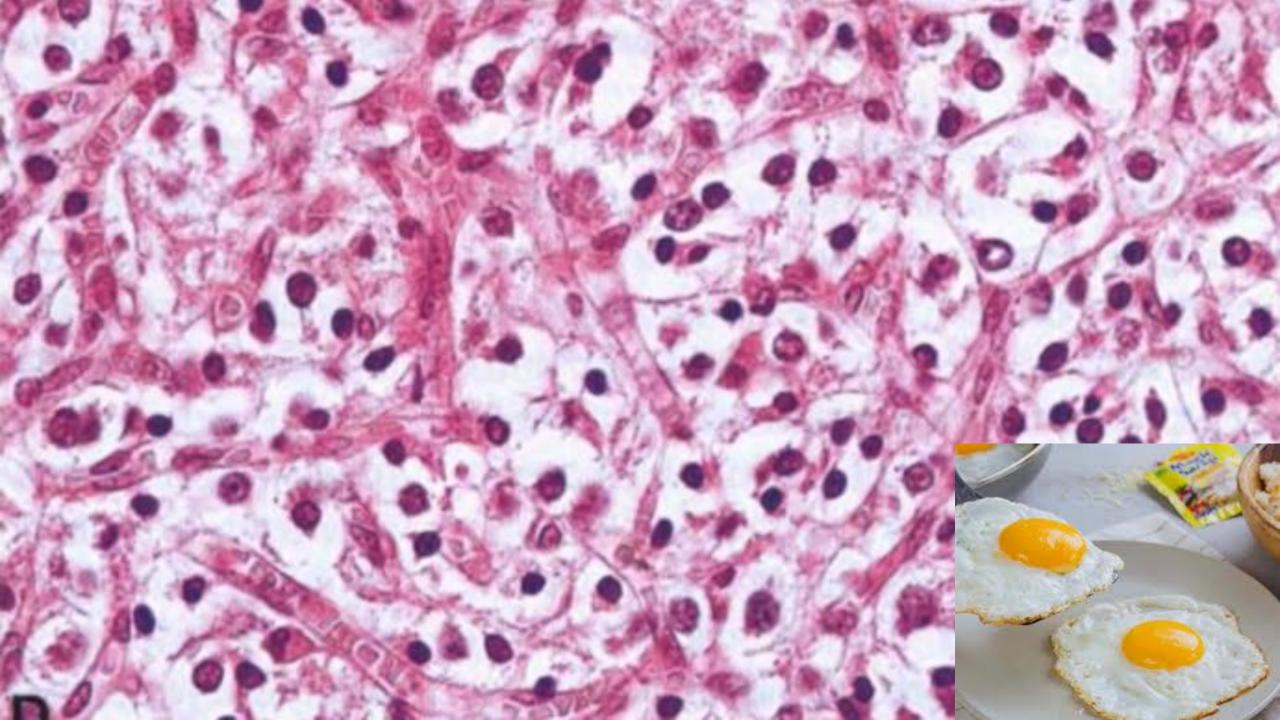
• Eosinophilic granular bodies:

rounded hyaline droplets in cytoplasm of astrocytes seen in PA and ganglion-cell tumors.

Oligodendroglioma, WHO grade 2, microscopic:

- sheets of <u>regular uniform cells</u> resembling oligodendrocytes
- round 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 <u>anastomosing</u> capillaries "chicken-wire"





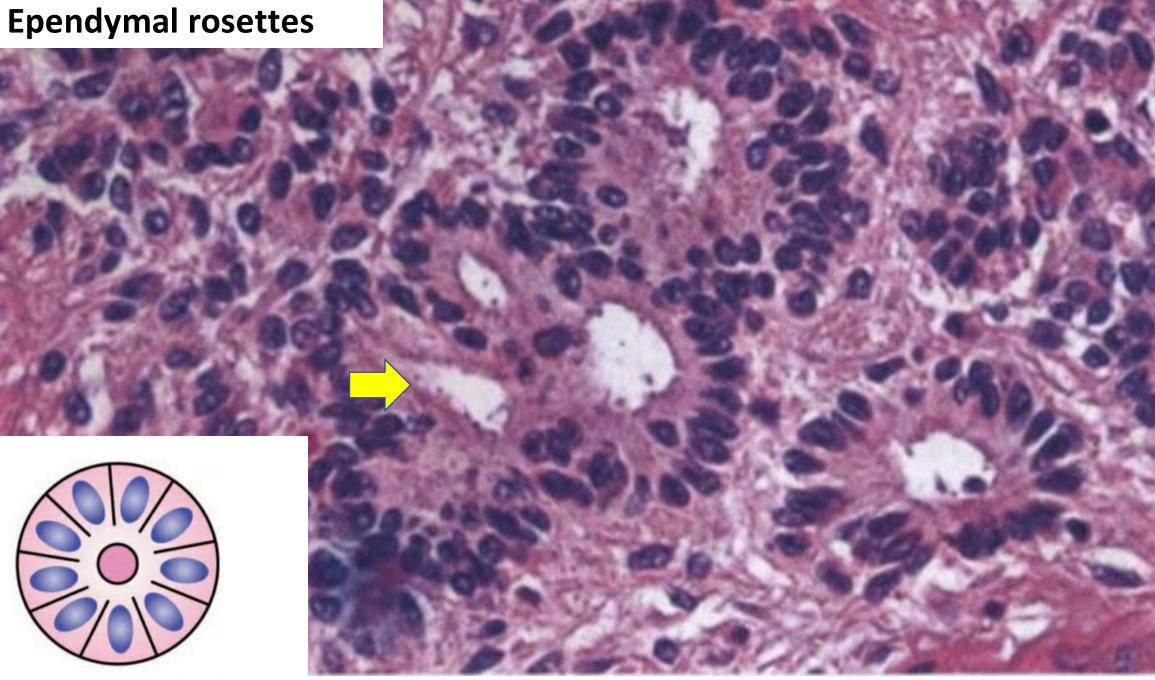
Ependymoma

Ependymal rosettes:

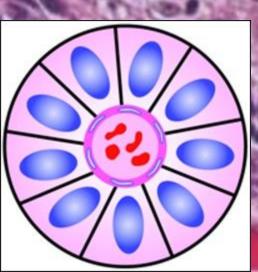
- tumor cells arranged around <u>central canal or lumen</u> that resemble the embryologic ependymal canal, with long, delicate processes extending into a lumen.

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.

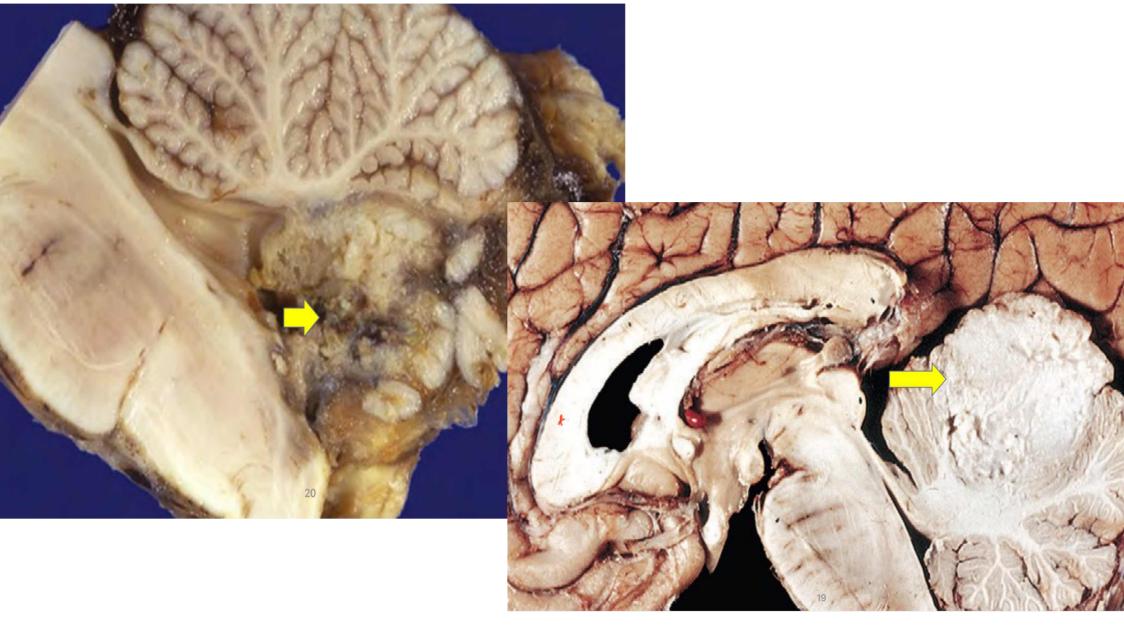


perivascular pseudorosettes



Medulloblastoma, WHO grade 4:

- predominantly in <u>children</u>
- mainly in <u>cerebellum</u>
- <u>All are highly malignant, WHO grade 4</u>
- <u>radiosensitive</u>.
- the prognosis for untreated patients is **dismal**
- **5-year survival rate may be as high as 75% w**ith total excision, chemotherapy, and irradiation

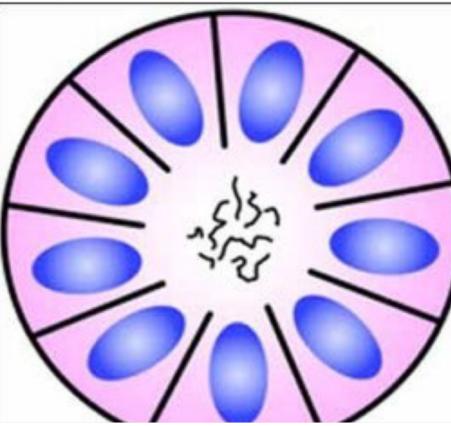


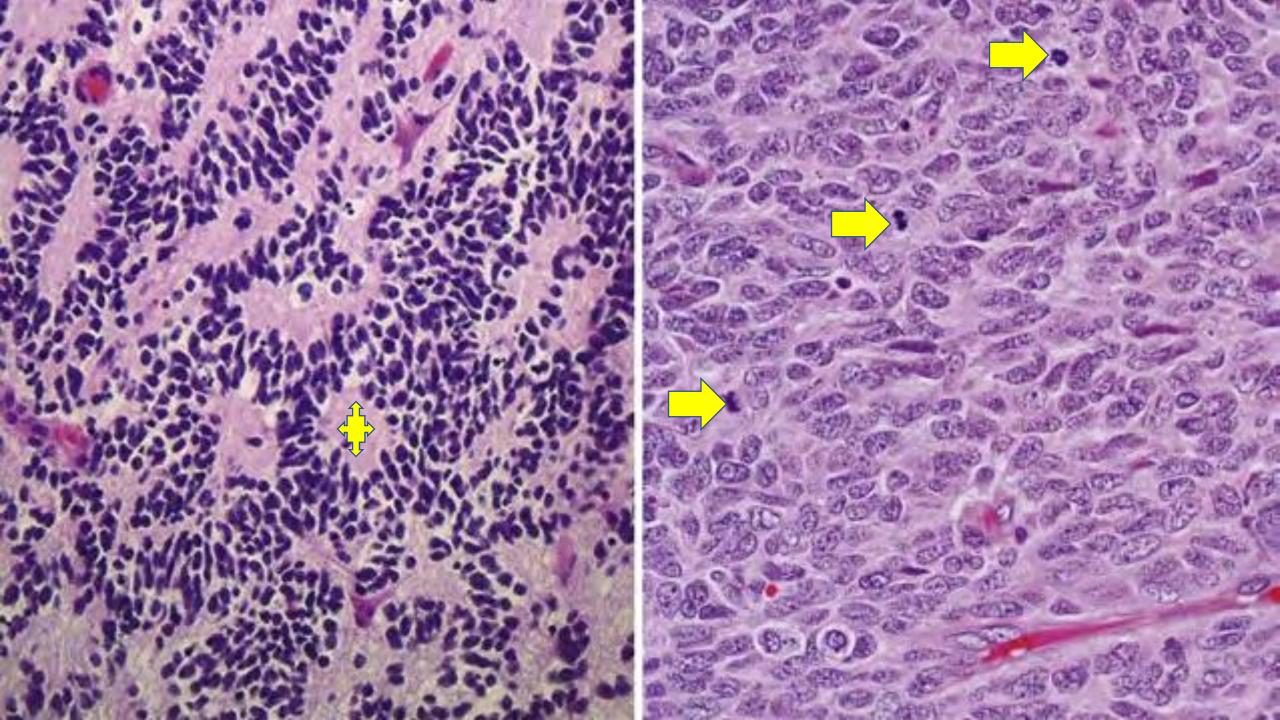
Morphology:

- Homer Wright Rosettes:
 - primitive tumor cells surrounding central neuropil (delicate pink material formed by neuronal processes).

• Represents focal neuronal differentiation

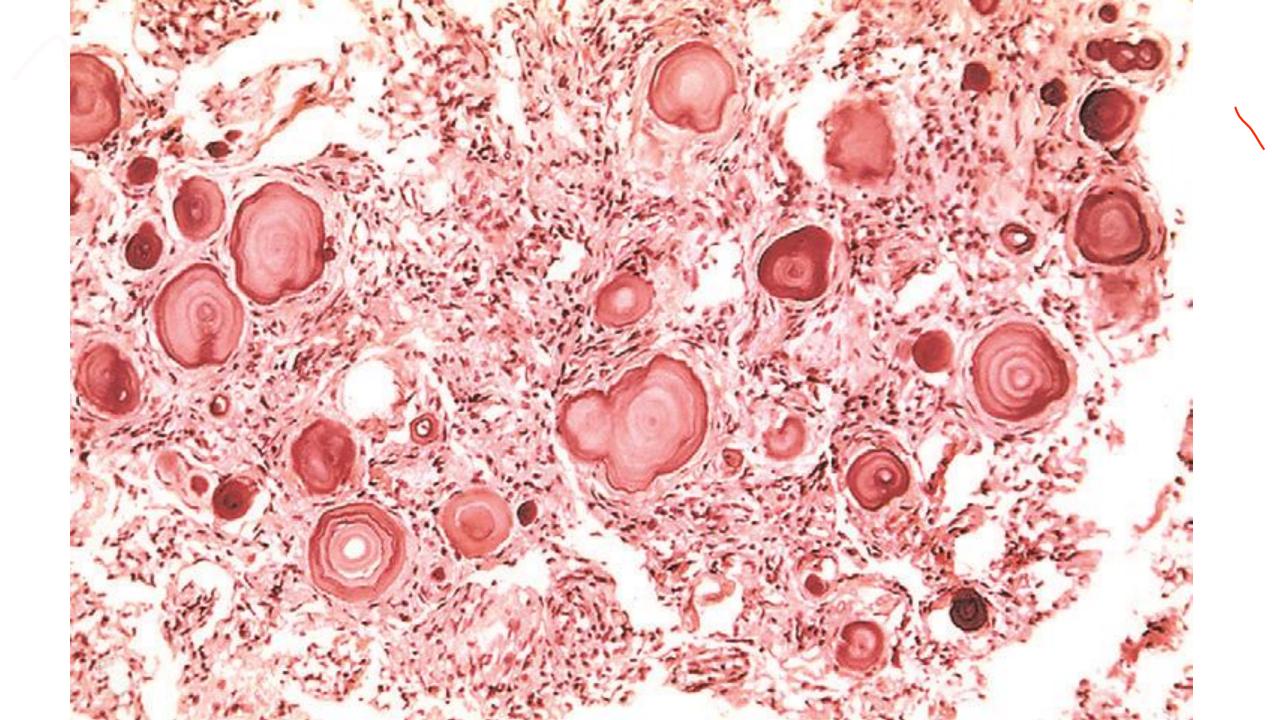
• Not specific; seen also in neuroblastoma and pineablastoma





Meningiomas (WHO grade 1):

- well-defined dura-based masses that may compress the brain but do not typically invade it +/- overlying bone extension.
- Epithelioid cells arranged in whorly (syncytial)pattern +/- psammoma bodies
- > Many histologic patterns, with no prognostic difference
 - ➤ meningothelial (most common)→clusters of epithelioid cells with fuzzy or indiscernible cell membranes
 - Other patterns include fibroblastic, transitional, and psammomatous



Metastatic tumors

The most common primary sites are lung, breast, skin (melanoma),
 kidney, and gastrointestinal tract (80% of cases).

• **sharply demarcated masses**, often at the grey-white matter junction, and elicit local edema

• The boundary between tumor and brain parenchyma is sharp at the microscopic level with surrounding reactive gliosis.



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