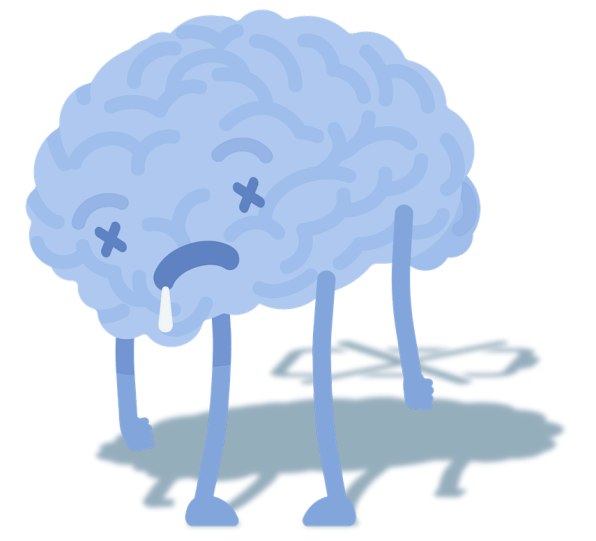


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Pathology Mind Maps

# CNS Tumors-1



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your prayers.**

**Best of luck in your studies !**

**CNS Tumors** involve the **brain** or **spinal cord**

## → ARISE FROM

→ Cells of the coverings = **Meningiomas**

→ Brain cells = **Gliomas, Neuronal tumors**

→ Other CNS cell populations = **Primary CNS lymphoma, Germ cell tumors**

→ Elsewhere in the body = **Metastases (more common than primary brain tumors)**

## → EPIDEMIOLOGY

→ **INCIDENCE:** The annual incidence of CNS tumors in the U.S :

- 24 /100,000 for intracranial tumors , 1/3 malignant
- 1-2/100,000 for intraspinal tumors

## → Characteristic features of CNS tumors

→ 1. **No Premalignant stage:** no in situ lesions.

→ 2. **Metastasis is rare!**

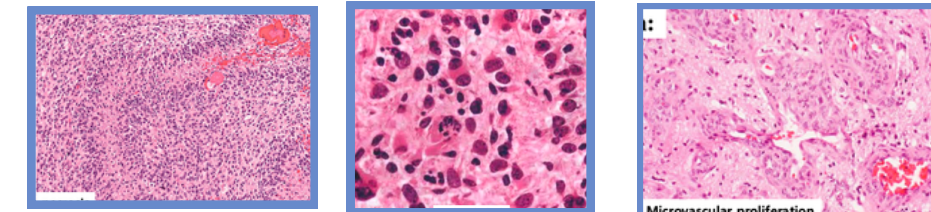
- Even the most **highly** malignant gliomas **rarely** spread **outside** of the CNS.
- but the brain is **not** comparably **protected** against the spread of distant tumors.

→ 3. **Growth pattern (infiltrative or not) and tumor location strongly influence the prognosis:**

- Even low-grade lesions may **infiltrate** large regions of the brain, leading to serious clinical deficits, inability to be resected, and poor prognosis.
- The **anatomic site** of the neoplasm can influence outcome independent of tumor type or grade due to local effects

# HISTOLOGIC GRADING OF CNS TUMORS DEPENDS ON :

## GRADES



**Necrosis**

**Atypia  
& mitosis**

**Microvascular  
proliferation**

- **Grade 1 lesions:**
  - **low** proliferative activity
  - Can be **cured** after **surgical** resection alone.
  - Example: pilocytic astrocytoma (PA), subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (SEGA), choroid plexus papilloma, myxopapillary ependymoma

- **Grade 2 lesions:**
  - **low** proliferative activity
  - usually **infiltrative** and often **recur**
  - Some grade II entities tend to **progress** to higher grades of malignancy.
  - Examples: astrocytoma, IDH- mutant, grade 2, oligodendroglioma, IDH- mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted, grade 2

- **Grade 3 lesions:**
  - **clear histological** evidence of **malignancy** (nuclear **atypia** and Higher proliferative activity (**mitosis**)).
  - In **most** settings, patients receive **radiation** and/or **chemotherapy**.
  - Examples: astrocytoma, IDH- mutant, grade 3, oligodendroglioma, IDH- mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted, grade 3.

- **Grade 4 lesions (high grade) :**
  - **cytologically malignant, mitotically active, rapid proliferation, necrosis-** prone neoplasms
  - associated with **rapid** pre- and postoperative disease **evolution** and **fatal outcome**.
  - **Widespread infiltration** of surrounding tissue and a risk of craniospinal dissemination.
  - examples: Glioblastoma, IDH-wildtype, medulloblastoma, pineoblastoma, and most embryonal neoplasms

WHO grades of select CNS tumors		
Diffuse astrocytic and oligodendroglial tumours		
Diffuse astrocytoma, IDH-mutant	II	
Anaplastic astrocytoma, IDH-mutant	III	
Glioblastoma, IDH-wildtype	IV	
Piloastoma, IDH-mutant	IV	
Diffuse midline glioma, H3 K27M-mutant	IV	
Oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted	II	
Anaplastic oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted	III	
<b>Other astrocytic tumours</b>		
Pilocytic astrocytoma	I	
Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma	I	
Neuroepithelial astrocytoma	II	
Anaplastic pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma	III	
<b>Ependymal tumours</b>		
Ependymoma	I	
Myxopapillary ependymoma	I	
Ependymoma, RELA fusion-positive	II or III	
Anaplastic ependymoma	III	
<b>Other gliomas</b>		
Angiocentric glioma	I	
Choroid glioma of third ventricle	II	
Choroid plexus tumours		
Choroid plexus papilloma	I	
Atypical choroid plexus papilloma	II	
Choroid plexus carcinoma	III	
<b>Neuronal and mixed neuronal-gliial tumours</b>		
Dysmaturational neuroepithelial tumour	I	
Dangliocytoma	I	
Craniopharyngioma	I	
Anaplastic ganglioglioma	III	
Dysplastic gangliocytoma of cerebellum (Lhermitte-Huc)	I	
Conoclastic infantile astrocytoma and ganglioglioma		
Papillary glioneuronal tumour		
Rosette-forming glioneuronal tumour		
Central neurocytoma		
Extraventricular neurocytoma		
Cerebellar liponeurocytoma		
<b>Tumours of the pineal region</b>		
Pineocytoma		
Pineal parenchymal tumour of intermediate differentiation	II or III	
Pineoblastoma	IV	
Papillary tumour of the pineal region	II or III	
<b>Embryonal tumours</b>		
Medulloblastoma (all subtypes)	IV	
Embryonal tumour with multilayered rosettes, C19MC-altered	IV	
Medulloepithelioma	IV	
CNS embryonal tumour, NOS	IV	
Atypical teratoid/rhabdoid tumour	IV	
CNS embryonal tumour with rhabdoid features	IV	
<b>Tumours of the cranial and paraspinal nerves</b>		
Schwannoma		
Neurifibroma		
Perineurioma		
Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumour (MPNST)	I, II or IV	
<b>Meningiomas</b>		
Meningioma		
Atypical meningioma		
Anaplastic (pleomorphic) meningioma		
<b>Mesenchymal, non-meningothelial tumours</b>		
Solitary fibrous tumour / haemangiopericytoma	I, II or III	
Haemangioblastoma		
<b>Tumours of the sellar region</b>		
Craniohypopharyngioma		
Granular cell tumour		
Pituitary		

# PEDIATRIC CNS TUMORS 20% of all pediatric tumors.

## → Childhood CNS tumors differ from those in adults in:

### → Location

- 2/3 **infratentorial** in **kids** (posterior fossa)
- 2/3 **supratentorial** in **adults** (cerebral hemispheres above tentorium)

### → Mutation profile & histologic subtype:

- **Kids:** medulloblastoma, pilocytic astrocytoma, ependymoma
- **Adults:** glioblastoma, metastases, meningiomas, **diffuse gliomas** constitute **most** gliomas in adults (including astrocytomas and oligodendrogliomas).

## → Classification of CNS tumors According to The 2016 WHO classification of brain tumors; which helped improving treatment protocols and predicting prognosis.

### → combined phenotype - genotype (integrated diagnoses)

1. **Phenotype:** the **histologic** features and **microscopic** similarities with what's thought to be their cell of origin (based on the light microscopic appearance, the immunohistochemical expression of proteins, and the electron microscopic assessment of ultrastructural features).
2. **Genotype:** tumor **genetic** profile and **molecular** studies

# GENETIC ALTERATIONS IN GLIOMAS:

## → 1- Mutations in isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH) genes:

- observed as an **early** event in **gliomagenesis**
- Seen in **astrocytomas** and **oligodendrogliomas**
- **Gain of function** Mutation affection **IDH1** codon **132** or **IDH2** codon **172**.
- The **most** frequent is **IDH1 R132H** mutation (83-91%) of IDH mutant gliomas
- **IDH2** mutation: **R172K** is the most frequent IDH2 mutation
- Can be **detected** by **immunohistochemical** stains and **molecular** studies: 1.IDH1-R132H immune stain  
2.IDH sequencing for IDH1 codon 132 and IDH2 codon 172
- **Gain of function mutation**→ lead to **increased production of 2- hydroxyglutarate (oncometabolite)**→interferes with the activity of several enzymes that regulate gene expression→**DNA hypermethylation** & maintaining the cells in **stem cell-like** physiological states→**self- renewal and tumorigenesis**

## → 2- whole arm Co-deletion of 1p and 19q chromosomal segments:

- **Diagnostic** of **oligodendrogliomas** in the **presence** of **IDH** mutation.
- The vast majority of **IDH** mutant and **1p/19q co-deleted** oligodendroglioma →carry **TERT** promotor hotspot mutations
- **TERT** promotor hotspot mutations: **telomerase stabilization, cellular immortalization** and **proliferation**

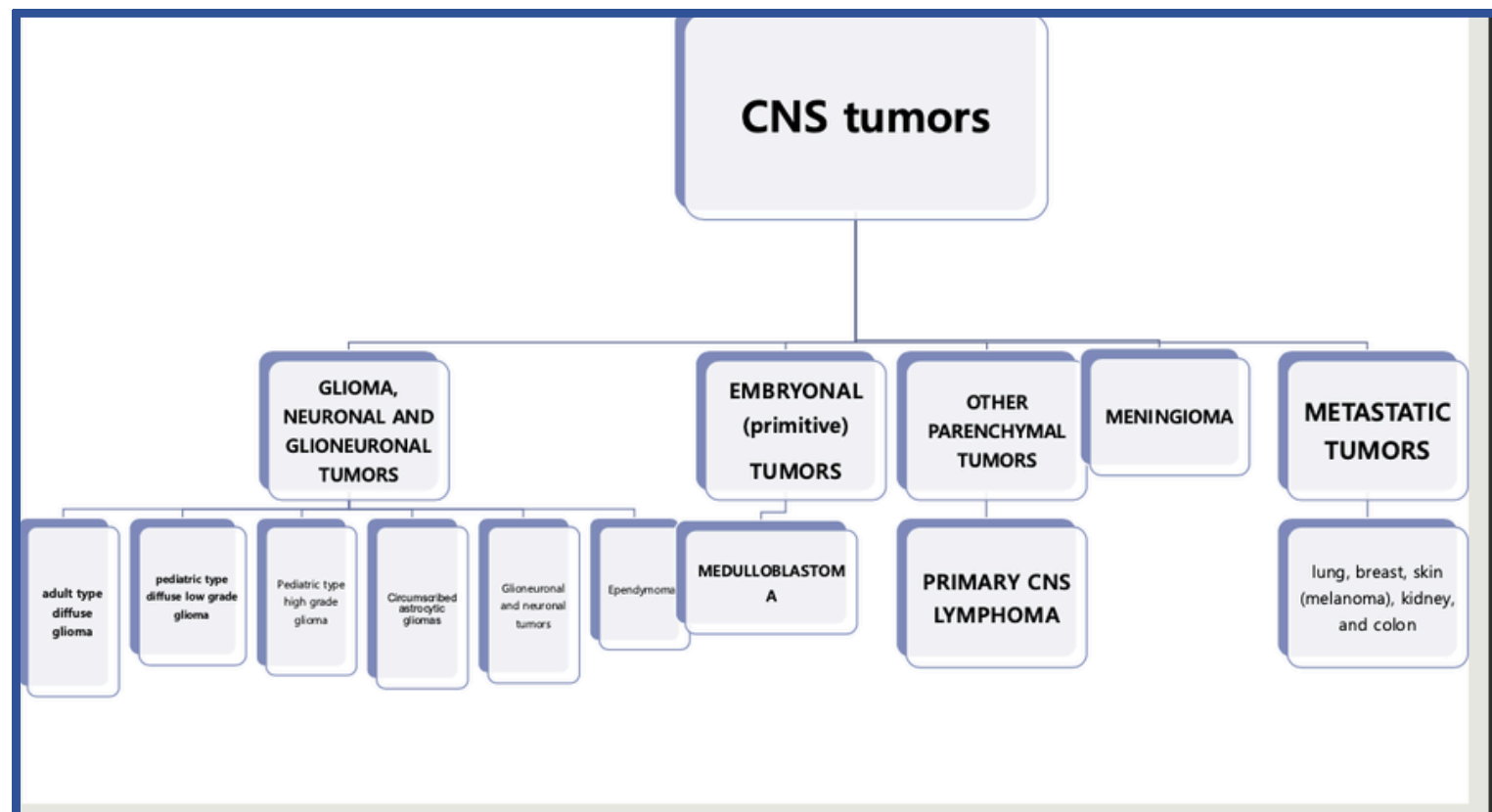
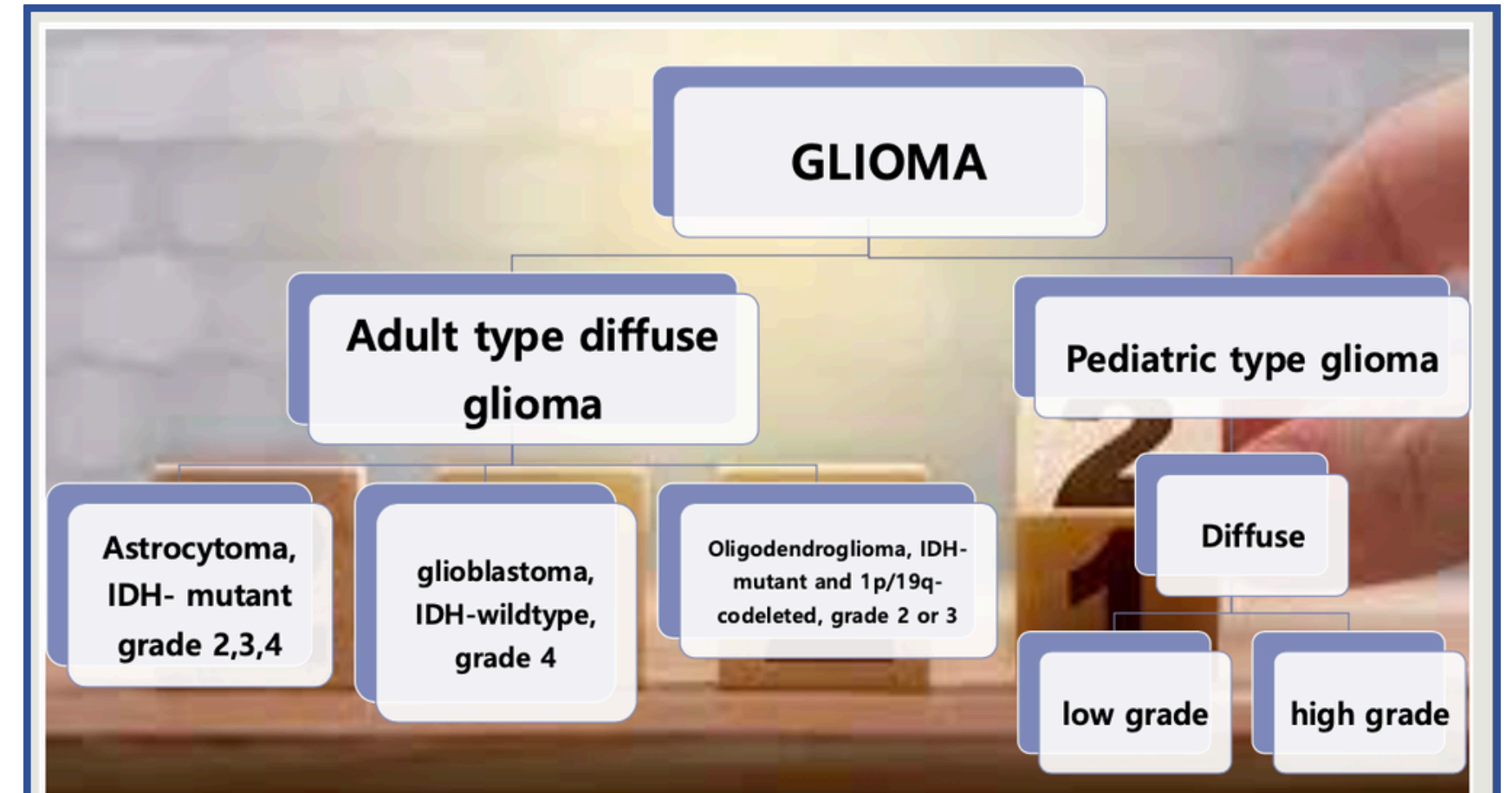
## → 3- ATRX and P53 loss of function mutation:

- Both occur in **IDH** mutant **astrocytomas**
- **ATRX** mutation induces **abnormal telomeres** maintenance mechanism known as “**alternative lengthening of telomeres**”
- ATRX mutation is **Mutual exclusive** with the activating promoter mutation of the **TERT** gene (1p/19q codeletion)
- P53 mutation: enable tumor cell survival :

ATRX→associated with genomic instability→induces P53 dependent cell death→mutation in P53 helps these cells to survive.

# WHO CLASSIFICATION

Gliomas	WHO 2016	Gliomas, Glioneuronal and Neuronal Tumours	WHO 2021
2.1:	<b>Diffuse astrocytic and oligodendroglial tumours</b>	2.0.0.1:	Introduction to gliomas, glioneuronal tumours, and neuronal tumours
2.1.1:	Introduction	2.1:	<b>Gliomas, Glioneuronal and Neuronal Tumours</b>
2.1.2:	Diffuse astrocytoma, IDH-mutant	2.1.1:	<b>Adult-type diffuse gliomas</b>
2.1.2.1:	Gemistocytic astrocytoma, IDH-mutant	2.1.1.1:	Astrocytoma, IDH-mutant
2.1.3:	Diffuse astrocytoma, IDH-wildtype	2.1.1.2:	Oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted
2.1.4:	Diffuse astrocytoma, NOS	2.1.1.3:	Glioblastoma, IDH-wildtype
2.1.5:	Anaplastic astrocytoma, IDH-mutant	2.1.2:	<b>Paediatric-type diffuse low-grade gliomas</b>
2.1.6:	Anaplastic astrocytoma, IDH-wildtype	2.1.4.1:	Diffuse astrocytoma, MYB or MYBL1-altered
2.1.7:	Anaplastic astrocytoma, NOS	2.1.4.2:	Angiocentric glioma
2.1.8:	Glioblastoma, IDH-wildtype	2.1.3.5:	Polymorphous low-grade neuroepithelial tumour of the young
2.1.8.1:	Giant cell glioblastoma	2.1.5.1:	Diffuse low-grade glioma, MAPK pathway-altered
2.1.8.2:	Gliosarcoma	2.1.2:	<b>Paediatric-type diffuse high-grade gliomas</b>
2.1.8.3:	Epithelioid glioblastoma	2.1.2.1:	Diffuse midline glioma, H3 K27-altered
2.1.9:	Glioblastoma, IDH-mutant	2.1.2.2:	Diffuse hemispheric glioma, H3 G34-mutant
2.1.10:	Glioblastoma, NOS	2.1.2.3:	Diffuse paediatric-type high grade glioma, H3 wildtype and IDH wild type
2.1.11:	Diffuse midline glioma, H3 K27M mutant	<del>2.1.3.1:</del>	<del>Diffuse midline glioma, EGFR mutant (formerly Desmoplastic glioma, EGFR mutant)</del>
2.2.1:	Oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted	2.1.2.4:	Infant-type hemispheric glioma
2.2.2:	Oligodendroglioma, NOS	2.1.3:	<b>Circumscribed astrocytic gliomas</b>
2.2.3:	Anaplastic oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted	2.1.3.1:	Pilocytic astrocytoma
2.2.4:	Anaplastic oligodendroglioma, NOS	2.1.3.2:	High-grade astrocytoma with piloid features
2.2.5:	Oligoastrocytoma, NOS	2.1.3.3:	Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma
2.2.6:	Anaplastic oligoastrocytoma, NOS	2.2.0.4:	Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma
2.3:	<b>Other astrocytic tumours</b>	2.2.0.1:	Chordoid glioma
2.3.1:	Pilocytic astrocytoma	2.2.0.2:	Astroblastoma, MN1-altered
2.3.1.1:	Piloxyoid astrocytoma	2.1.4:	<b>Glioneuronal and neuronal tumours</b>
2.3.2:	Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma	2.1.3.7:	Ganglioglioma
2.3.3:	Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma	2.1.3.9:	Desmoplastic infantile ganglioglioma / Desmoplastic infantile astrocytoma
		2.1.3.10:	Dysembryoplastic neuroepithelial tumour
		2.2.0.3:	Diffuse glioneuronal tumour with oligodendroglioma-like features and nuclear clusters



# ASTROCYTOMA, IDH-MUTANT

→ **Phenotype:** It is a **diffusely infiltrating glioma**

→ **Genotype:**

1. **IDH1** or less frequently **IDH2** mutation.
2. Inactivating mutation in **TP53** and/or **ATRX**
3. **absence** of 1p/19q co deletion

→ **Age at diagnosis:** 40–60 year old.

→ **Location:** cerebral hemispheres +/- cerebellum, brainstem, or spinal cord.

→ **Presentation:**

1. seizures, headaches, and focal neurologic deficits related to the anatomic site of involvement.
2. Clinically: static for years or Progressive. **The prognosis gets poorer as the grade increases**

→ **On the basis of histologic features astrocytomas, IDH- mutant are stratified into three groups:**

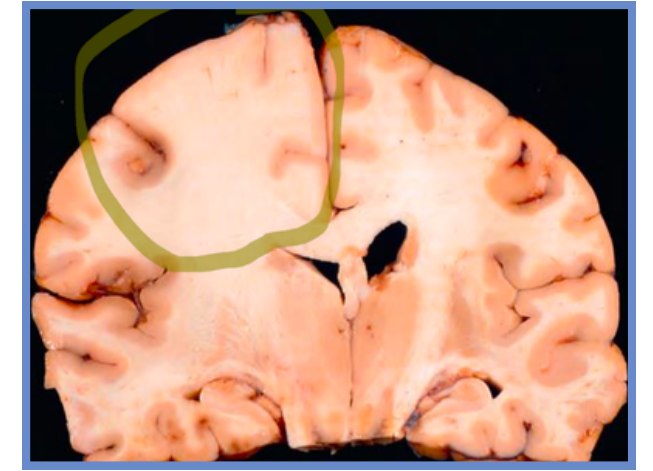
1. astrocytomas, IDH-mutant, grade **2**, median survival is **>10 years**.
2. astrocytomas, IDH- mutant grade **3**, median survival is **5-10 years**
3. astrocytomas, IDH- mutant grade **4**, median survival is **3 years**.

**NO** grade **1** astrocytoma, IDH- mutant, because by convention grade 1 implies benign behavior and all diffuse gliomas are considered malignant

→ **Morphology - Macroscopic**

**Grade 2 & 3:** poorly defined, infiltrative tumors \ **expand** and **distort** the invaded brain \ **NO** discrete mass, **Infiltration** beyond the grossly evident margins.

**Grade 4:** poorly defined, infiltrative tumors \ **lacks** large areas of central necrosis and hemorrhage seen in IDH-wild-type GBM



**Macroscopic**

## Microscopic

### Diffuse astrocytoma, IDH mutant, WHO grade 2

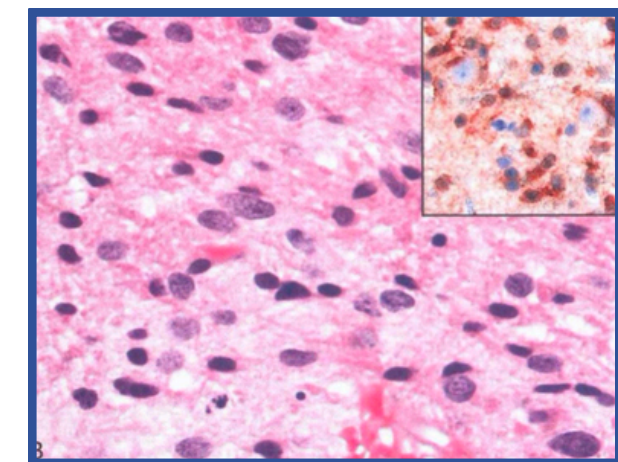
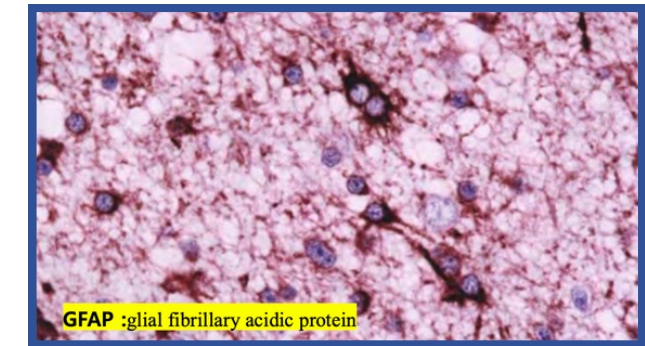
#### Microscopic

- The transition between neoplastic and normal tissue is indistinct
- tumor cells infiltrate normal tissue many centimeters from the main lesion.

**Hypercellular** (compared to normal white matter): **mild to moderate** increase in the number of glial cell nuclei.

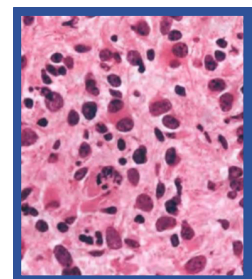
#### Cytologic atypia:

- mild
  - enlarged, elongated or irregular hyperchromatic nuclei
  - No prominent atypia
- + **fibrillary background** made of a network of fine astrocytic cell processes
- **NO or rare** Mitotic activity
  - **NO** necrosis
  - **NO** microvascular proliferation



Enlarged irregular nuclei embedded within fibrillary matrix of the brain  
Inset: IDH1 immune stain is positive in tumor cells

grade 3

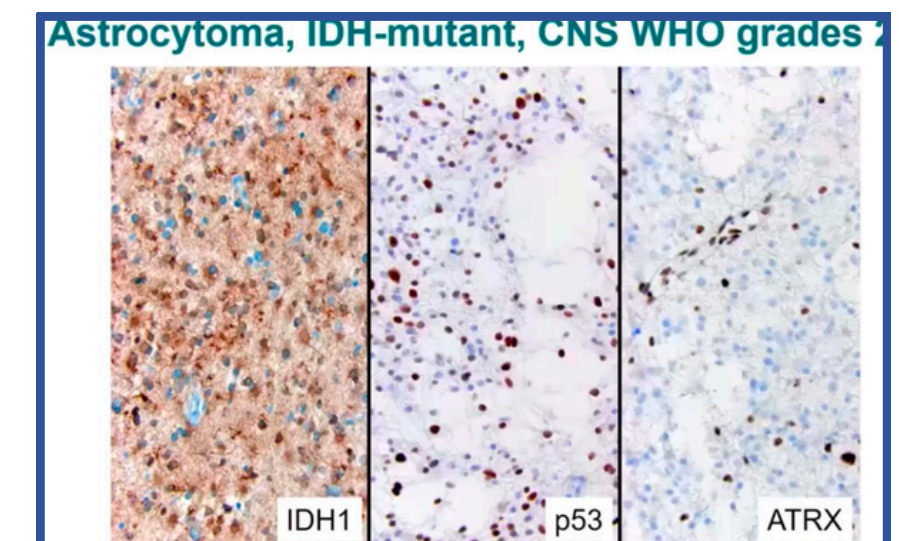


### Diffuse astrocytoma, IDH mutant, WHO grade 3

- More densely cellular
- More nuclear pleomorphism
- **Mitotic figures are present**
- NO necrosis
- NO microvascular proliferation

### Diffuse astrocytoma, IDH mutant, WHO grade 4

- Same as grade 3 with **Microvascular proliferation and/or necrosis**
- The presence of **homozygous deletion of CDKN2A &/or CDKN2B** → astrocytomas, IDH- mutant, grade 4
- (EVEN IF THE HISTOLOGY SUGGESTS A LOWER GRADE).



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