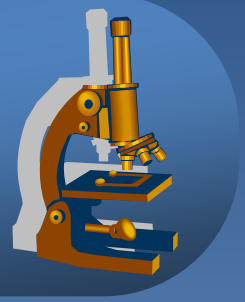
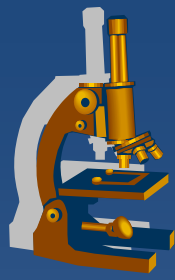
Systemic pathology

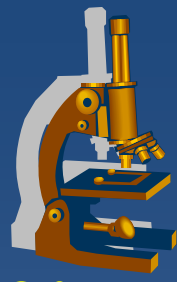


Nervous system



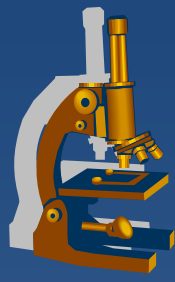
Brain swelling, ischemia

Brain swelling



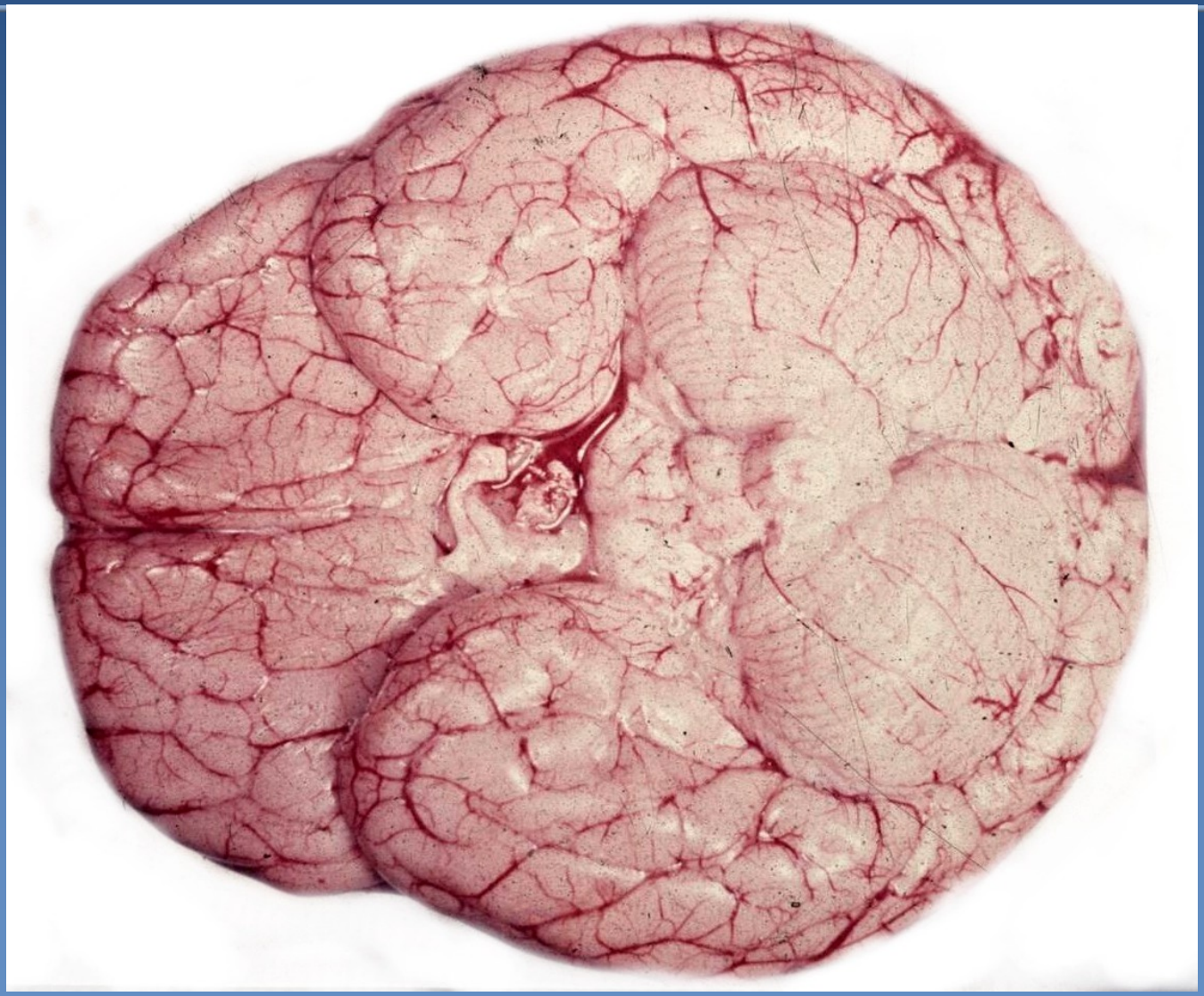
- **generalised increase in the volume of brain (blood, water, ions) → clinical signs related to raised intracranial pressure / intracranial shift / herniation**
- **diffuse** (vasodilatation, oedema – vasogenic, cytotoxic, interstitial)
- **focal** (space-occupying lesions – inflammation, tumor, trauma, vascular lesion)
- **herniations:**
  - ⇨ *supracallosal – interhemispheric undex falx cerebri*
  - ⇨ *transtentorial – temporal (3rd nerve, secondary braunstem haemorrhage)*
  - ⇨ *tonsillar – foramen magnum, vital centres compressed*

Brain swelling



- **gross:**
  - *flattened gyri, narrow sulci, slit-like ventricles*
- **micro:**
  - *neuropil vacuolation*
  - *swelling of the cytoplasm and processes of astrocytes*
  - *perivascular optically empty spaces*
  - *myelin less vividly colored*

Diffuse brain swelling



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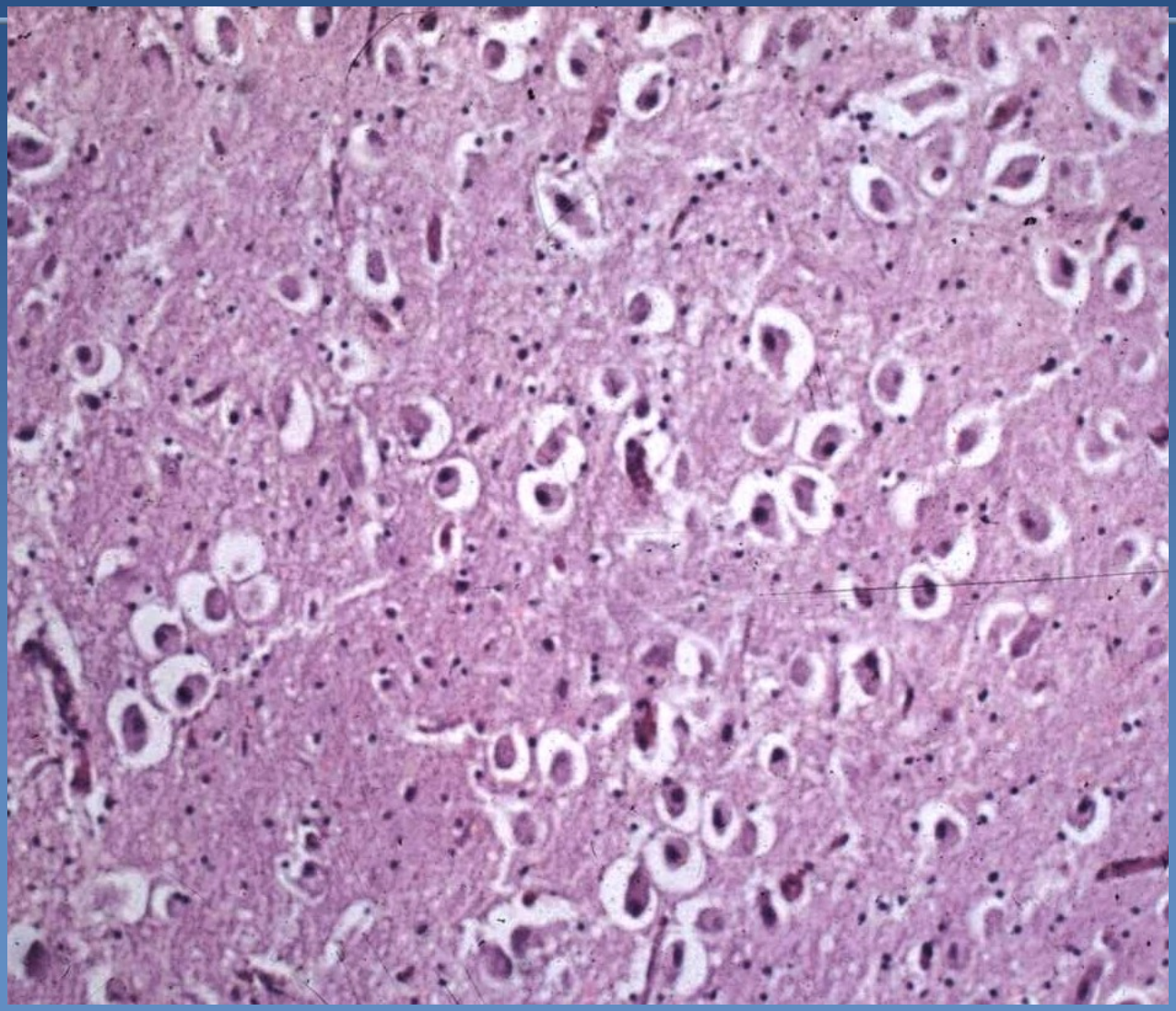
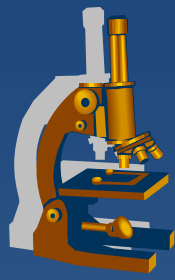
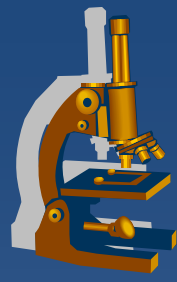


Brain swelling - pathogenesis



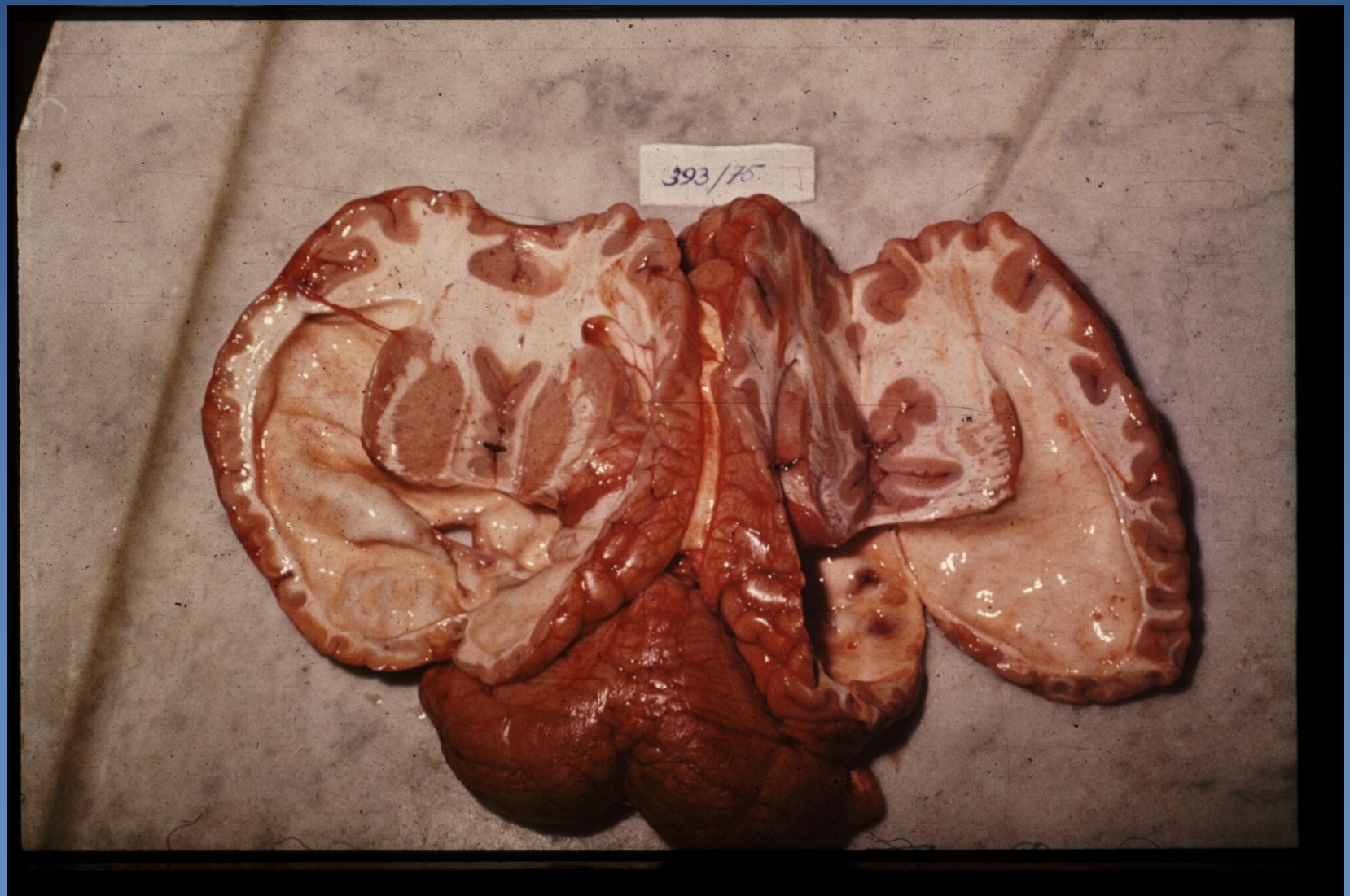
- **main types:**
  - ⇨ ***vasogenic***
    - due to increased cerebral vascular permeability (esp. by neoangiogenesis)
    - adjacent to tumors, abscesses, haemorrage, ischemia
  - ⇨ ***cytotoxic***
    - due to hypoxia / ischemia , toxic damage – cell membrane injury, ↑intracellular fluid
  - ⇨ ***interstitial***
    - due to damage of ventricular lining (hydrocephalus, CSF diffusion into the white matter)

Hydrocephalus

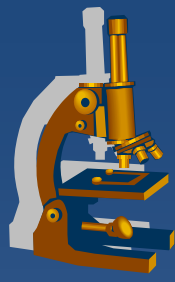


- **increased amonut of CSF, ↑ intracranial pressure**
- **infants x older children, adults**
- **caused by:**
  - ⇨ ***increased CSF production***
  - ⇨ ***decreased CSF resorption***
    - **meningitis, subarachnoid haematoma**
  - ⇨ ***obstruction to CSF flow***
    - **congenital x aquired – trauma, tumors, infection, blood coaguli, cyst**
  - ⇨ *hydrocephalus e vacuo (secondary/compensatory)*

Hydrocephalus

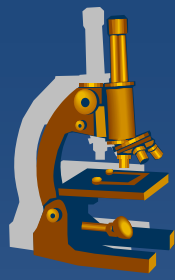


Encephalomalatia (cerebral infarction)



- **colliquative necrosis**
- **„white“ ischemic x haemorrhagic – blood reflux, venous**
- **clinically: stroke or transient ischaemic attack – TIA**
- **pathogenesis:**
  - *arterial thrombosis (AS, arteritis, arteriopathy)*
  - *thrombembolia*
  - *venous thrombosis*
  - *diffuse small vessel problems – spasm, vasculitis*
  - *external pressure (haematoma)*
  - *systemic hypoxia*
- **the size and distribution depends on:**
  - *diameter and localisation of affected artery*
  - *closure promptness*
  - *possibilities of collateral circulation*

Encephalomalatia



- **gross:**
  - *approx. 24hours – affected tissue softened and swollen, loss of border between grey and white matter*
  - *oedema*
  - *infarcted tissue undergoes colliquative necrosis*

- **micro:**
  - ***neuronal ischemia*** *(loss of cytoplasmic basophilia, nuclei), endothelial + glial oedema*
  - ***neutrophils, after 2 days infiltration with macrophages*** *(cytoplasm filled with the lipid products of myelin breakdown)*
  - ***reactive astrocytes and proliferating capillaries at the edge of the infarct***
  - ***Necrotic tissue phagocytosed → fluid-filled pseudocystic cavity lined by glial tissue***

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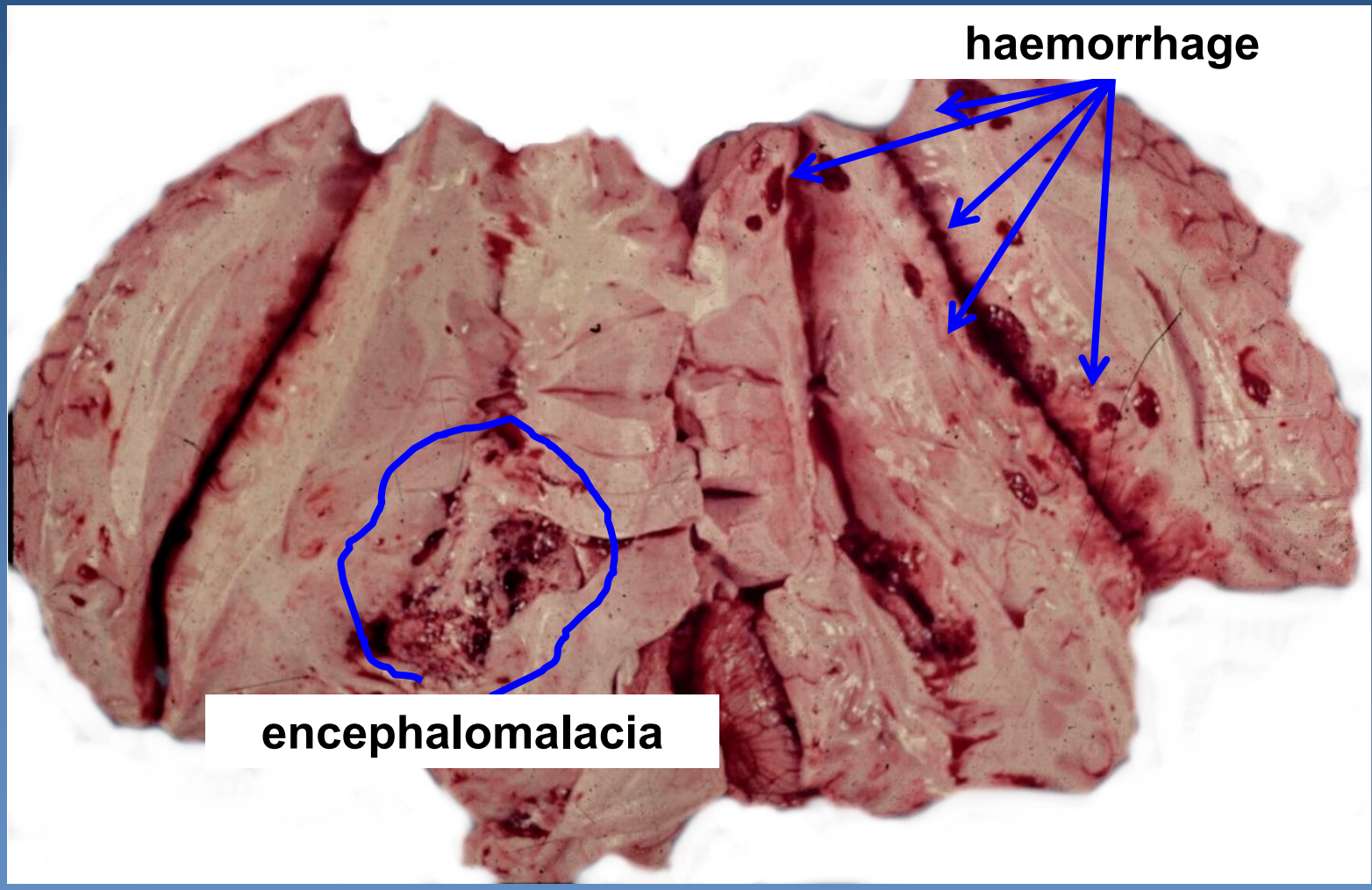
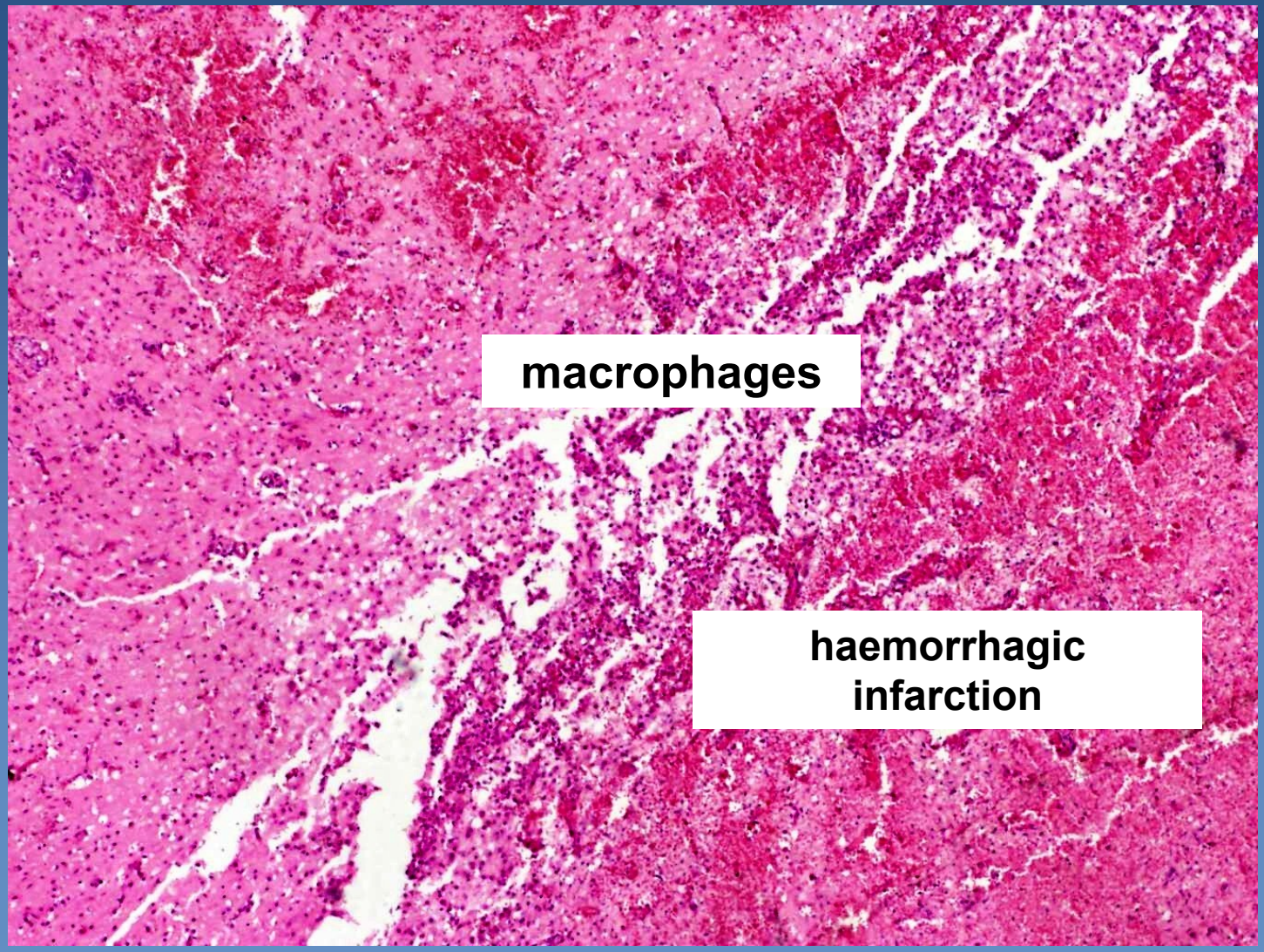


Encephalomalatia

(+ reactive macrophages)



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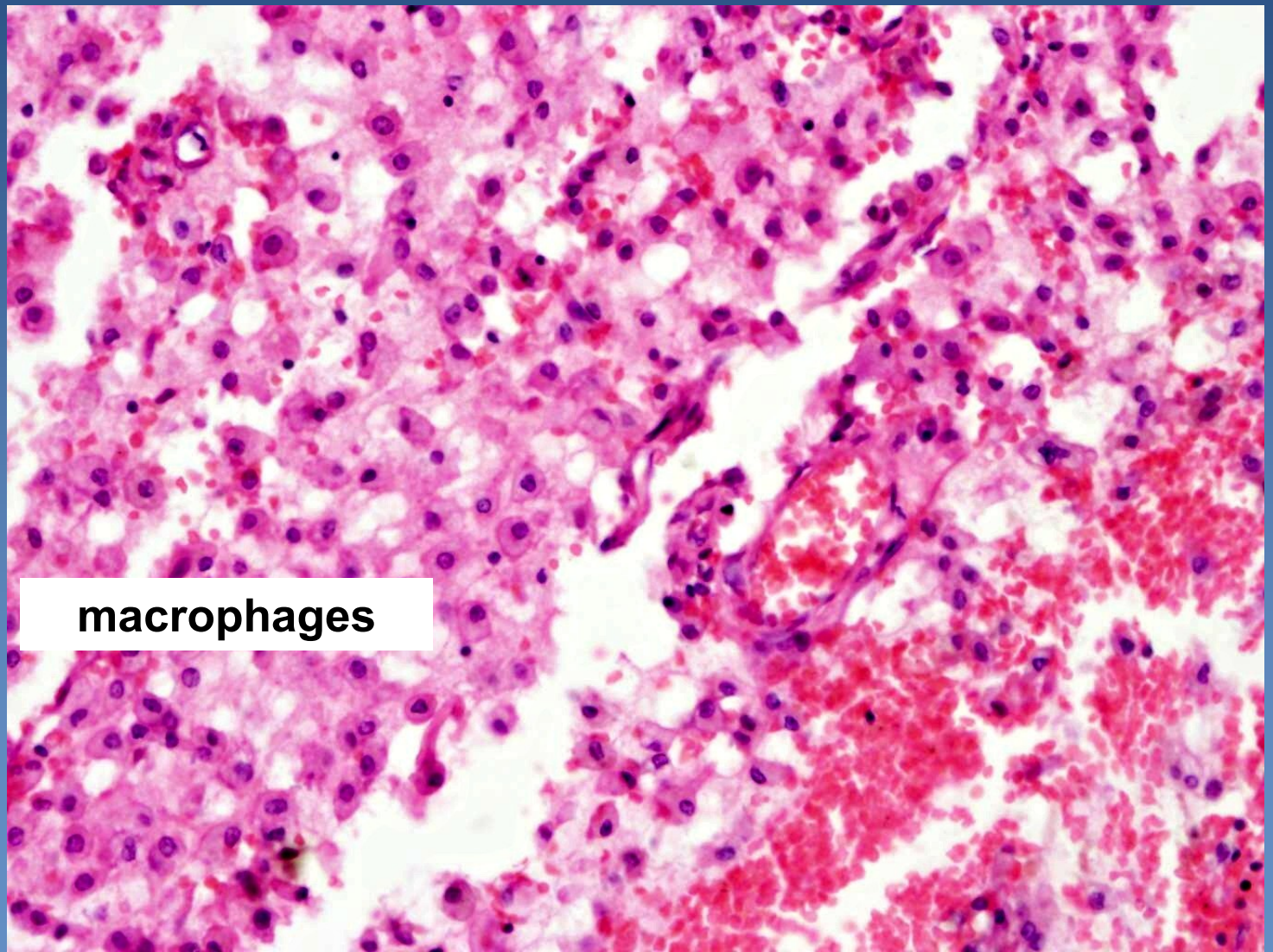
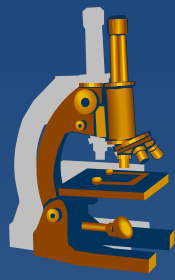


Intracranial haemorrhage

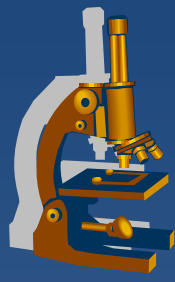


- **Extradural – epidural** **(haemorrhage between skull and dura mater)**
  - ⇨ *mostly due to skull fracture (rupture of a. meningea media)*
  - ⇨ *arterial, traumatic, acute,*
  - ⇨ *clinically: variable lucid interval later onset of signs - increased intracranial pressure*

- **Subdural** **(haemorrhage between dura and arachnoid matter)**
  - ⇨ *rupture of venous sinuses or small bridging veins*
  - ⇨ *acute x chronic (particularly in elderly - headache, memory loss and confusion, personality change)*

- **Subarachnoid** **(haemorrhage between arachnoid matter and pia mater)**
  - ⇨ *inborn defect: aneurysm (saccular „berry“ aneurysm on the circle of Willisi)*
  - ⇨ *AS, hypertension, tumor, coagulative disorders*

Intracranial haemorrhage

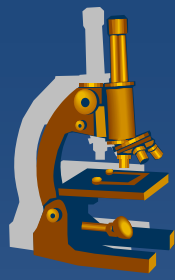


- **Intracerebral**
  - ⇨ ***nontraumatic arterial***
    - hypertension + regressive vessel wall changes → rupture of blood vessel
    - AS
    - vasculitis, amyloid angiopathy, tumors
  - ⇨ ***traumatic***

  - ⇨ *premature newborn*
    - extension into ventricular system, subarachnoid space - possible hydrocephalus

- **Intraventricular (haemocephalus)**
  - ⇨ secondary after haemorrhage extension into ventricular system

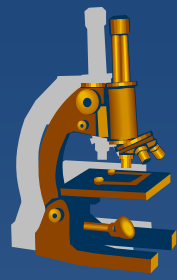
CNS infections



- **etiology**
  - ***bacterial*** *incl. tb, rickettsia*
  - ***viral***
  - *fungal, parasitic (protozoan, etc.)…*

  - ***haematogenous spread***
  - ***local extension – direct spread (adjacent inflammations)***
  - ***trauma – direct implantation***
  - ***along the peripheral nerves***
  - ***iatrogenic infection***

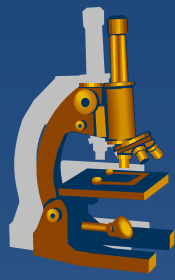
Leptomeningitis



- ⇨ *chemical (irritation)*
- ⇨ *acute pyogenic (bacterial)*
- ⇨ *acute aseptic – lymphocytic (viral)*
- ⇨ *chronic (granulomatous tuberculous; fungal)*

direct spread x blood-borne

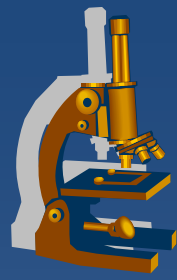
Bacterial leptomeningitis



- **symptoms:**
  - *headache, joint + muscle pain*
  - *sleepiness, fever, vomiting, loss of consciousness, convulsion*
  - *petechial rash*
  - *photophobia*
  - *signs of meningeal irritation*
  - *sepsis*

  - *!! acute onset, rapid diagnosis + ATB therapy necessary*

Bacterial leptomeningitis



- **etiology:**
  - ***In neonates:*** *E. coli, Str. agalactiae, Listeria*
  - ***2-5 years.:*** *Str. pneumoniae* ***(****Haemophilus now rare)*
  - ***5-30 years:*** *Neisseria meningitidis (type B)*
  - ***over 30 years:*** *Str. pneumoniae, staph., etc.*
- **Gross:**
  - ***pia mater hyperemic, pus deposits***
  - ***opaque CSF***
  - ***brain swelling, sometimes cortical necrosis***

Bacterial leptomeningitis

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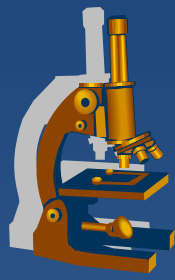
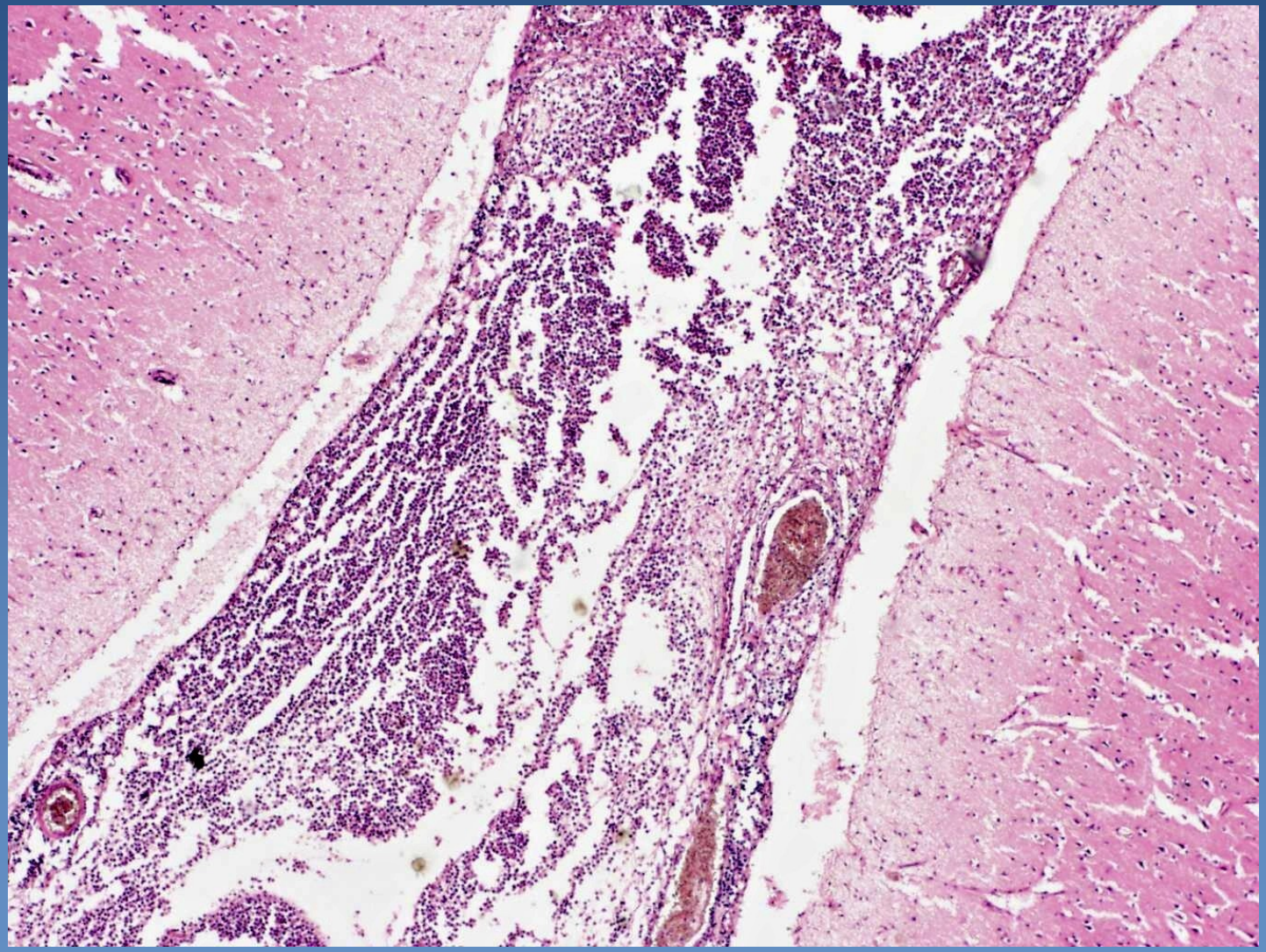


- **micro:**
  - ⇨ *hyperemia, neutrophilic + macrophagic infiltrate, secondary phlebitis + thrombosis*
- **complications:**
  - ⇨ *cerebral abscess*
  - ⇨ *subdural empyema*
  - ⇨ *cerebral infarction*
  - ⇨ *epilepsy*
  - ⇨ *leptomeningeal fibrosis, subarachnoid cysts, obstructive hydrocephalus*

Bacterial leptomeningitis



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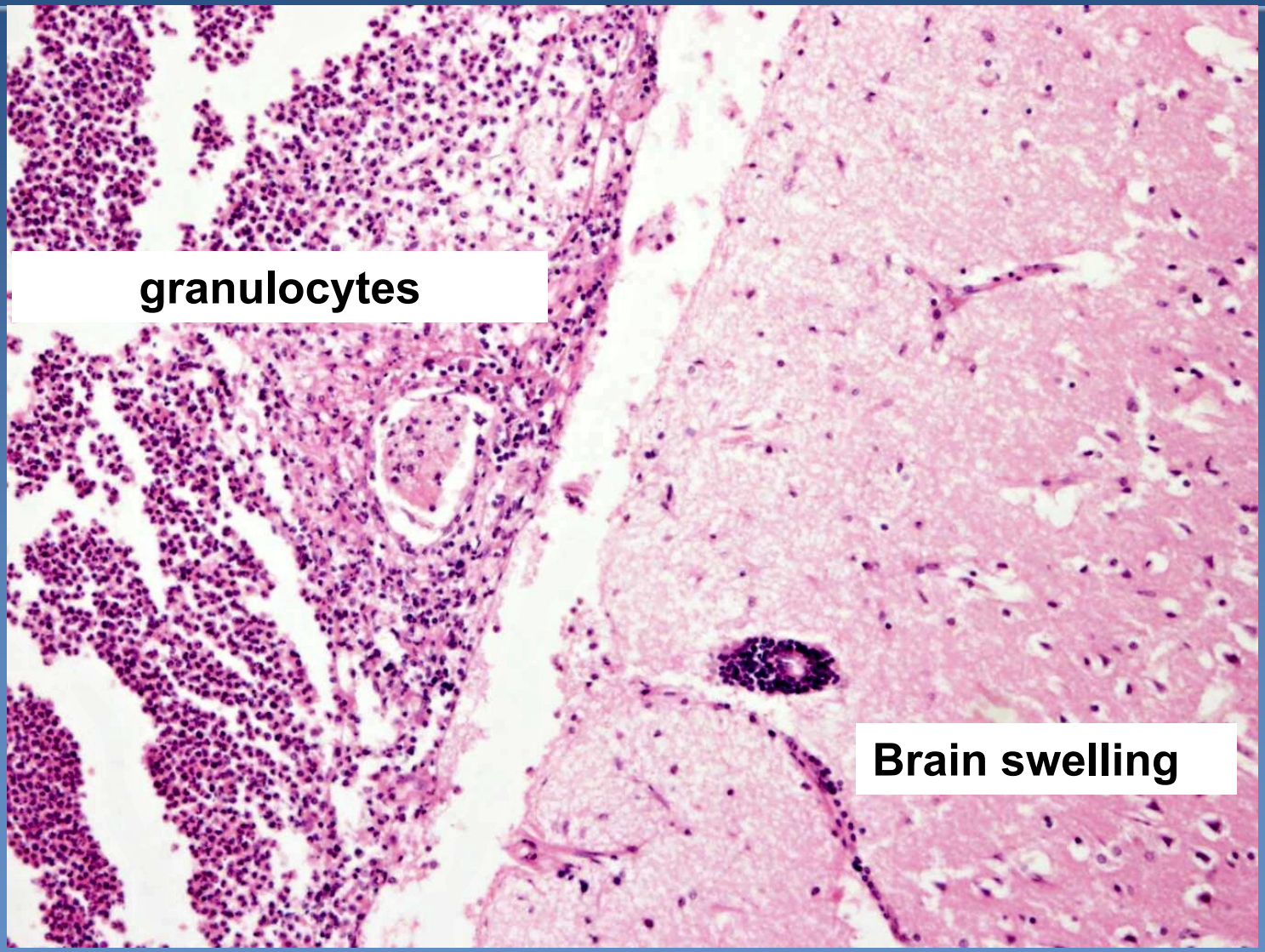
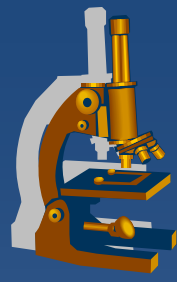
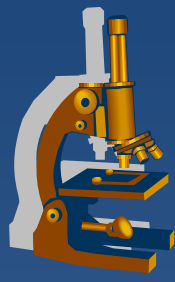


Acute aseptic meningitis



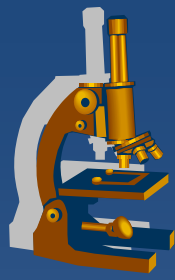
- infectious
  - ⇨ *viral (mumps, coxackie, echoviruses, EBV, HSV)*
  - ⇨ *usually self-limited*
  - ⇨ *gross: hyperemic pia mater, slight edema*
  - ⇨ *micro: lymphocytic infiltration*
- chemical or other irritant

Chronic meningitis



- granulomatous
  - ⇨ ***Mycobacterium tbc., granulomas, obliterative endarteritis***
  - ⇨ ***meningovascular neurosyphilis***
  - ⇨ ***fungi: Cryptococcus neoformans, Aspergillus, etc.***
- chronic
  - ⇨ ***Lyme disease – aseptic meningitis***
- immune deficiency
  - ⇨ ***AIDS, immunosuppression, cachexia***

Tuberculous meningitis

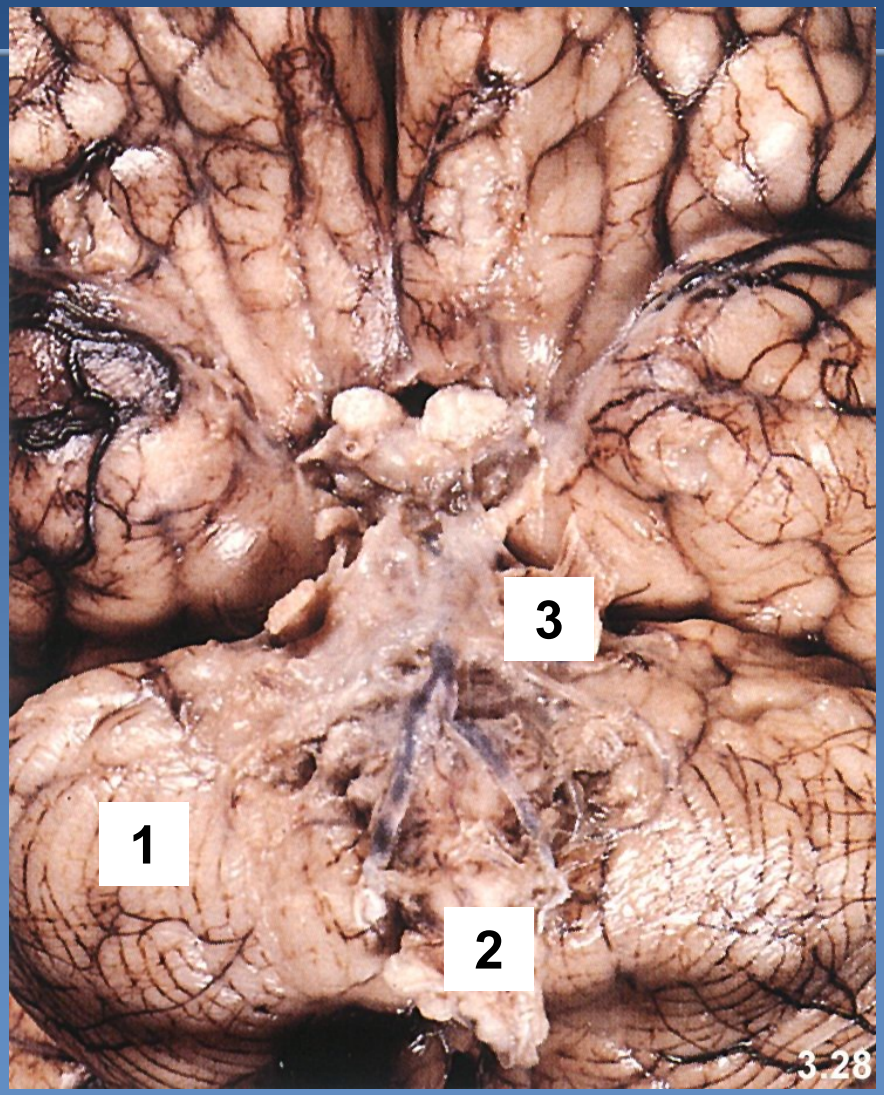


- **etiology:** ***mycobacterium tuberculosis***
- **spread:** ***usually hematogenous in primary pulmonary tuberculosis***
- AIDS (M. avium-intracellulare complex)
- **gross: exudative -** ***thick gelatinous exudate, most marked at the base of the brain;***

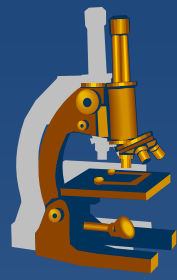
  proliferative: ***small white granulomas***

tuberculous meningitis

1 cerebellum
2 oblongata
3 gelatinous inflammatory infiltrate

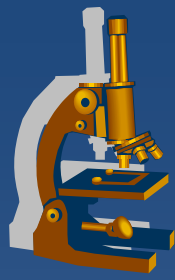


Encephalitis



- **primary**
  - ⇨ *neurotropic viruses*
  - ⇨ *anthropozoonozes - from animals transmitted to humans*
- **secondary**
  - ⇨ *other underlying disease*
    - viruses (HSV, enterovirus), rickettsie, parasites (toxoplasmosis…), spirochets (lues),..
- **micro (viral encephalitis):**
  - ⇨ *neuronal damage, reactive glial changes*
  - ⇨ *perivascular „cuff“ infiltrate of lymphocytes, plasma cell*

Viral encephalitis - myelitis



- **usually + meningitis**
- **spread:** ***haematogenous x neural (retrograde)***
- **tropism** - specific cell type or area involved
- **etiology:**
  - ⇨***arthropod-borne (tick-borne), mumps, enteroviruses (poliomyelitis), HSV, CMV, EBV, HIV, rabies***
- **gross:**
  - ⇨***hyperemic meninges, brain edema***
- **micro:**
  - ⇨ ***perivascular, parenchymal mononuclear cell infiltrate, glial cell reaction, oedema, neuronophagia, viral inclusions***
- ***possibility of latency, immune-mediated disease, late sequelae***

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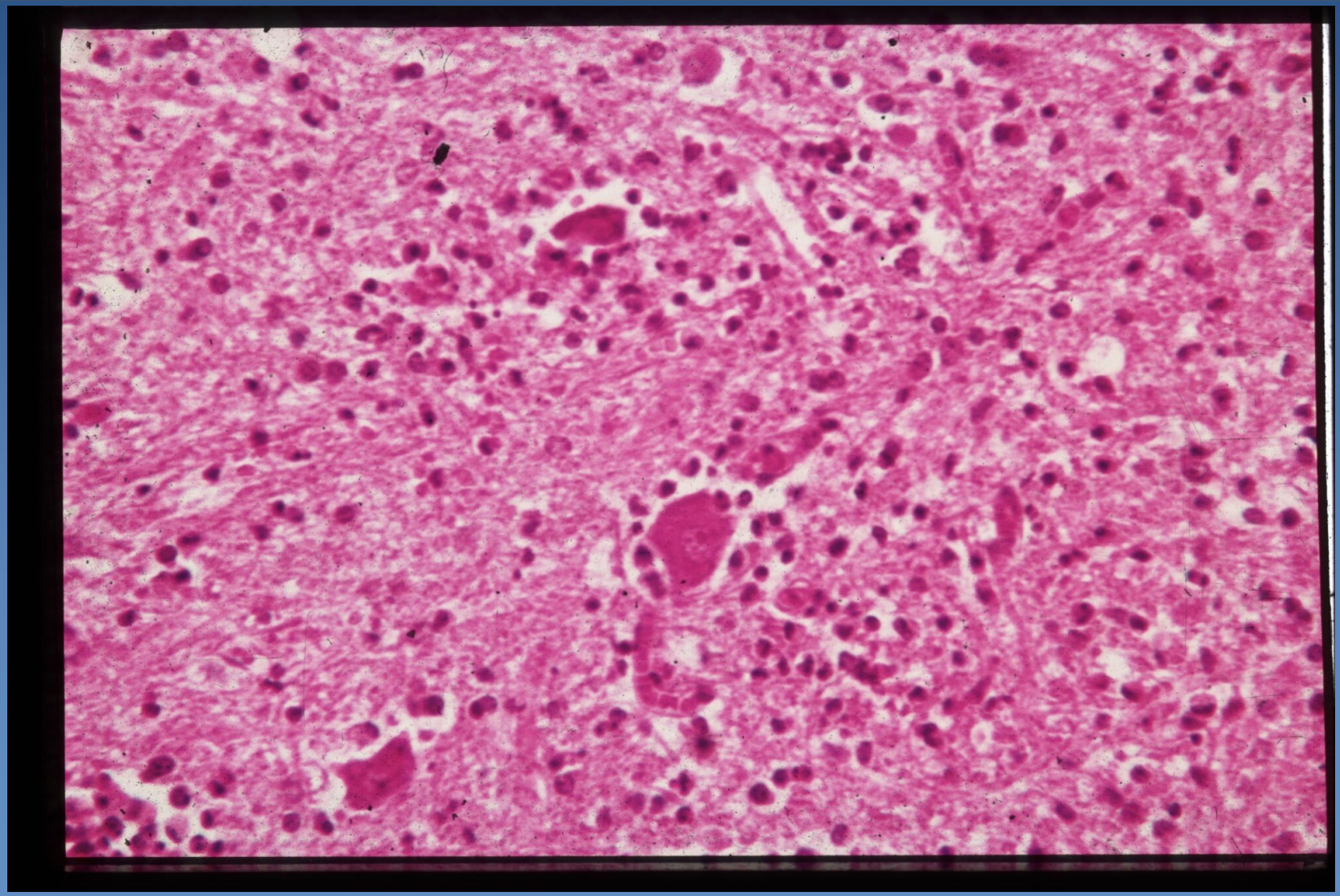

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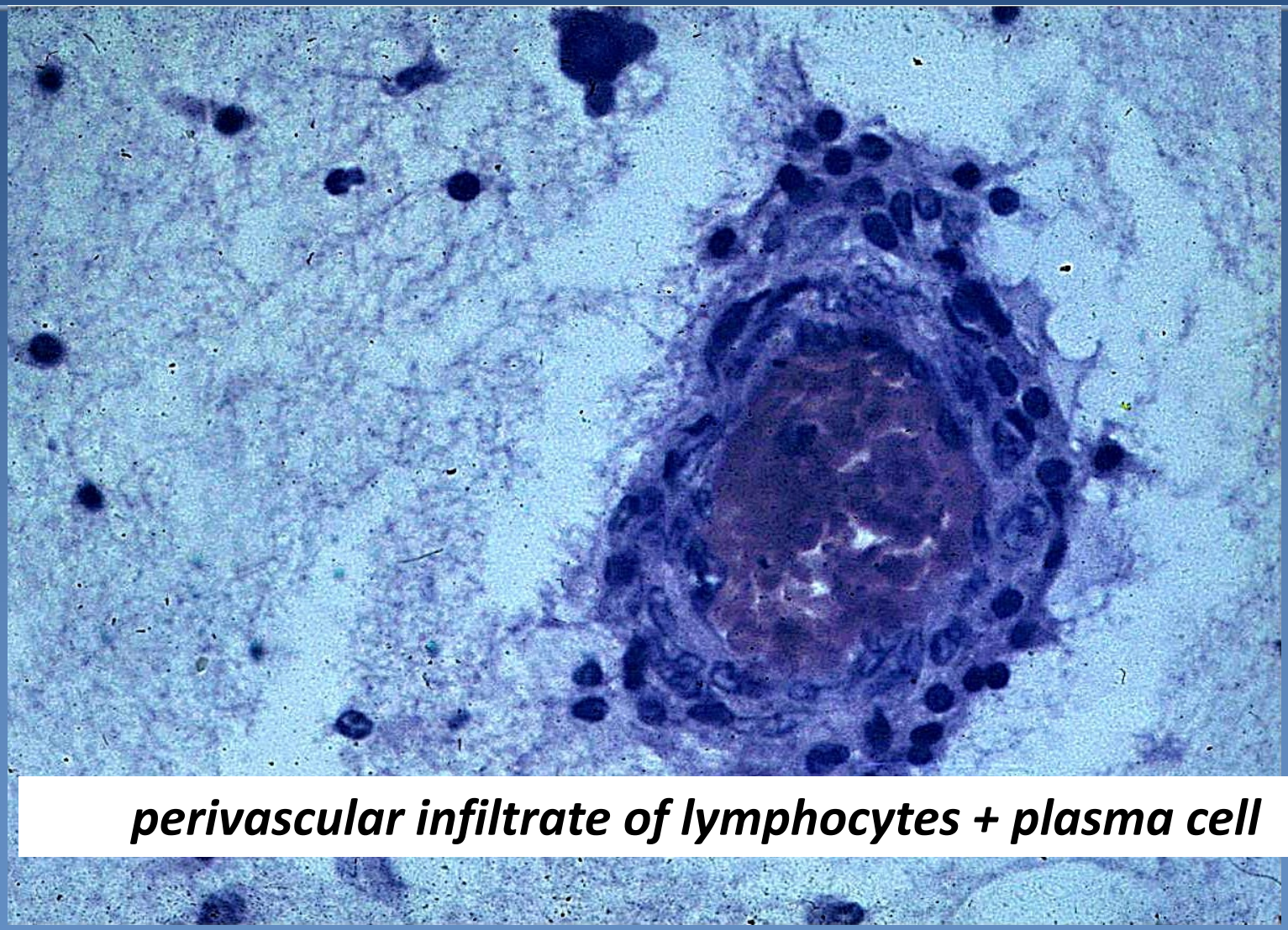
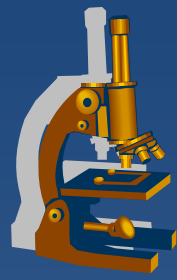


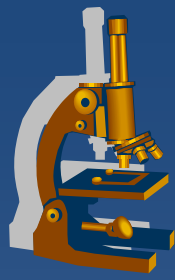
perivascular infiltrate of lymphocytes + plasma cell

Viral encephalitis



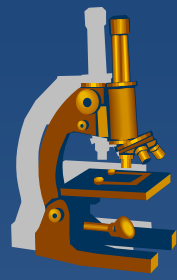
- **with the formation of inclusion bodies**
  - ⇨ *Rabies*
  - ⇨ *HSV1, HSV2*
  - ⇨ *Poliomyelitis*
- **Without inclusion bodies**
  - ⇨ *tick-borne viral encephalitis*
  - ⇨ *HIV-associated encephalitis*

Encephalitis



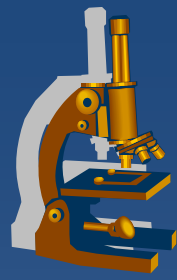
- Others
  - ⇨ ***Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis – immune-associated demyelinisation***
  - ⇨ ***Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (measles virus)***
  - ⇨ ***Typhus fever - rickettsiae***
  - ⇨ ***Neurosyphilis***

Viral encefalitis
with inclusion bodies



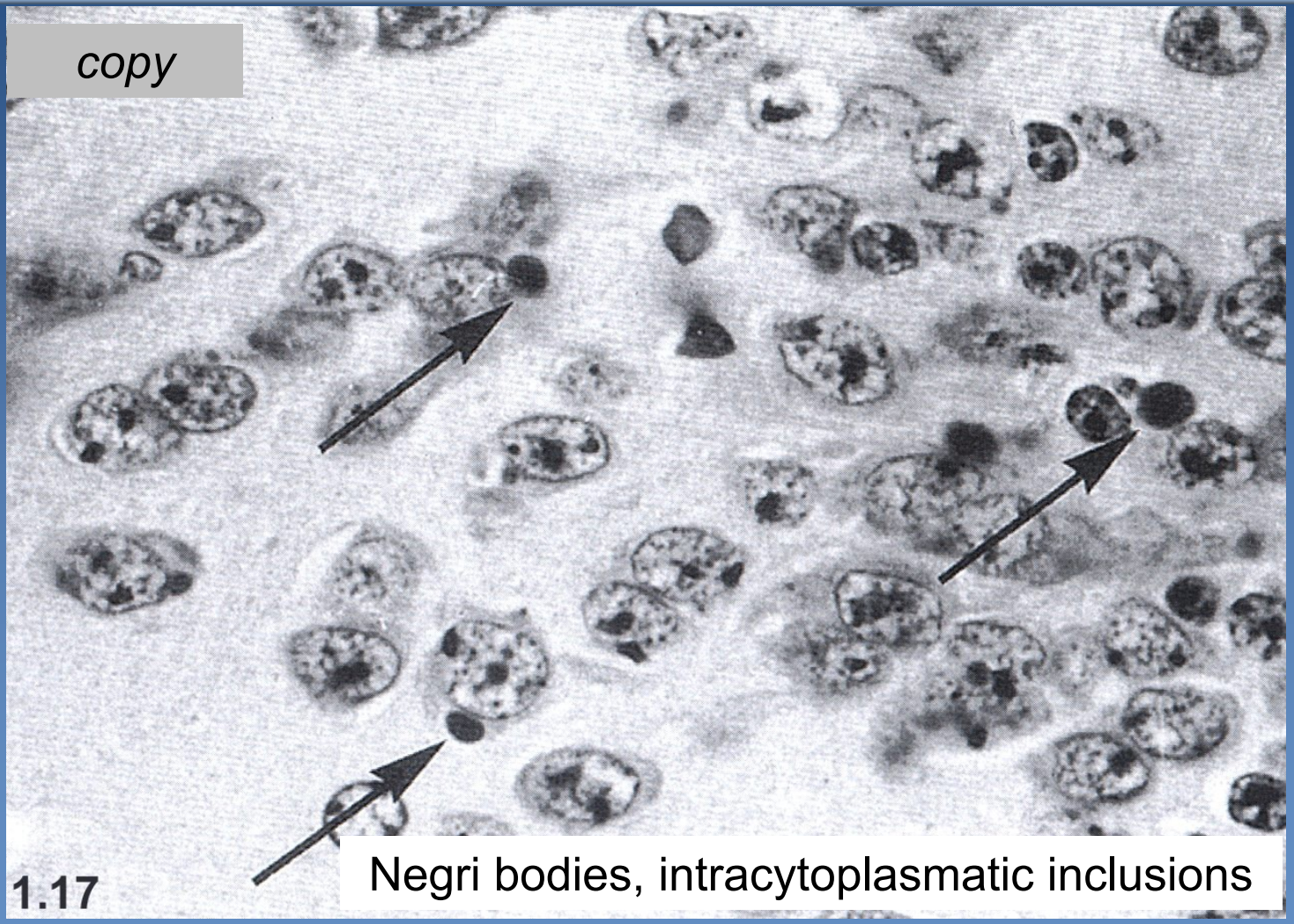
- **rabies, lyssa**
  - ***incubation 3-8 weeks → with axonal retrograde flow to the brainstem, spinal cord, dorsal root ganglia, cerebral cortex, cerebellum, hippocampus***
  - ***micro Negri bodies (eosinophilic inclusions of the size of red blood cells in the cytoplasm of neurons)***
- **herpetic encephalitis (HSV1, HSV2)**
  - ***Frontal cortex,*** *other parts of the gray matter*
  - ***hemorrhagic necrosis, intranuclear inclusions***
  - ***severe (sometimes fatal) course***

Viral encefalitis
with inclusion bodies



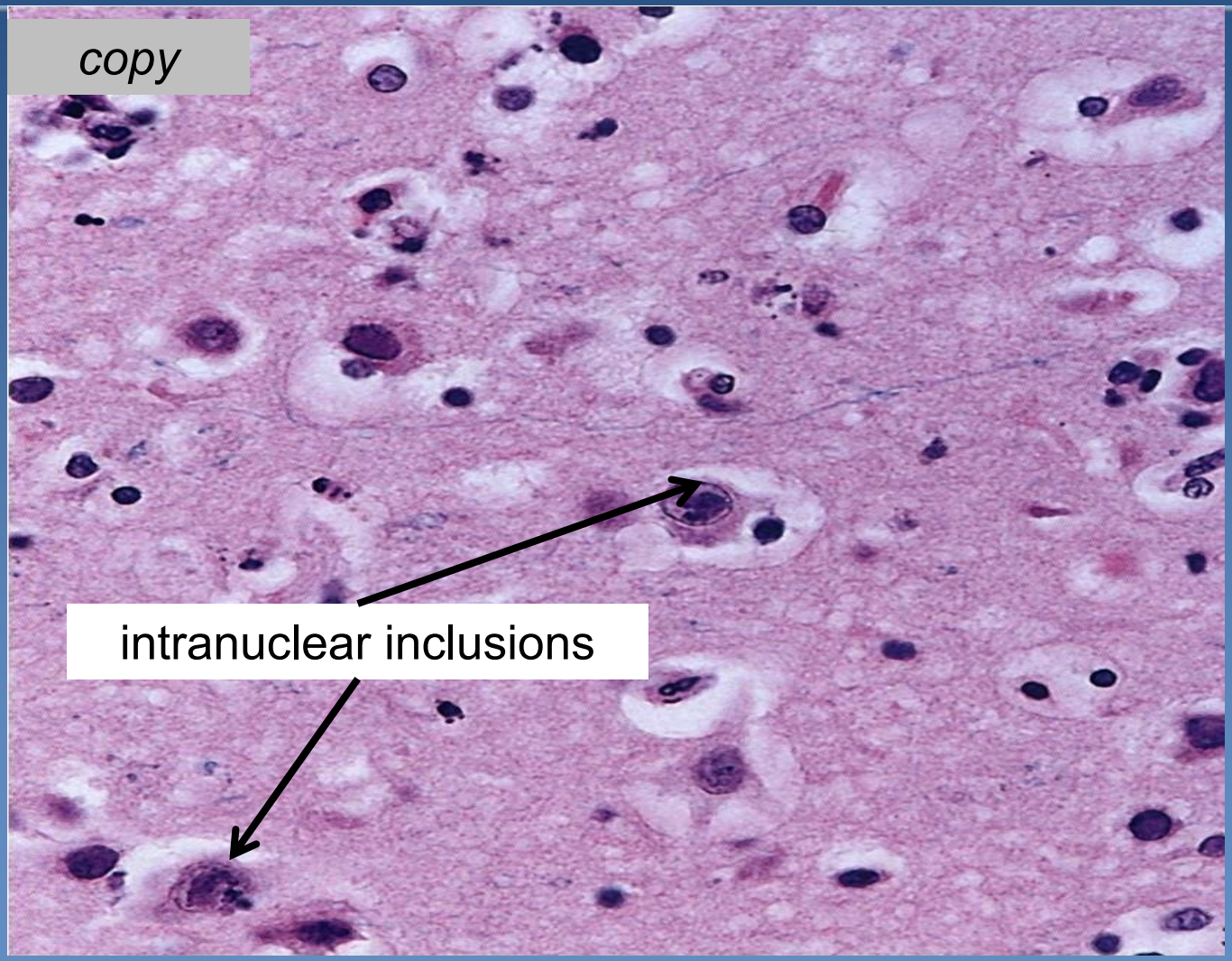
- **Poliomyelitis**
  - ***enteroviruses, coxsackie, ECHO***
  - ***pharyngitis, enteritis, myocarditis, myositis…***
  - ***approx. in 10% affinity to the motoric neurons → anterior horns of the spinal cord,*** *(gyrus precentralis)* ***→ symptoms of paralysis***
  - ***anterior horns of the spinal cord markedly swollen, hyperemic***
  - ***small intranuclear inclusions → neuronal necrosis → inflammatory reaction + neuronophagia → gliosis***

Rabies



Negri bodies, intracytoplasmatic inclusions

Herpetic encephalitis



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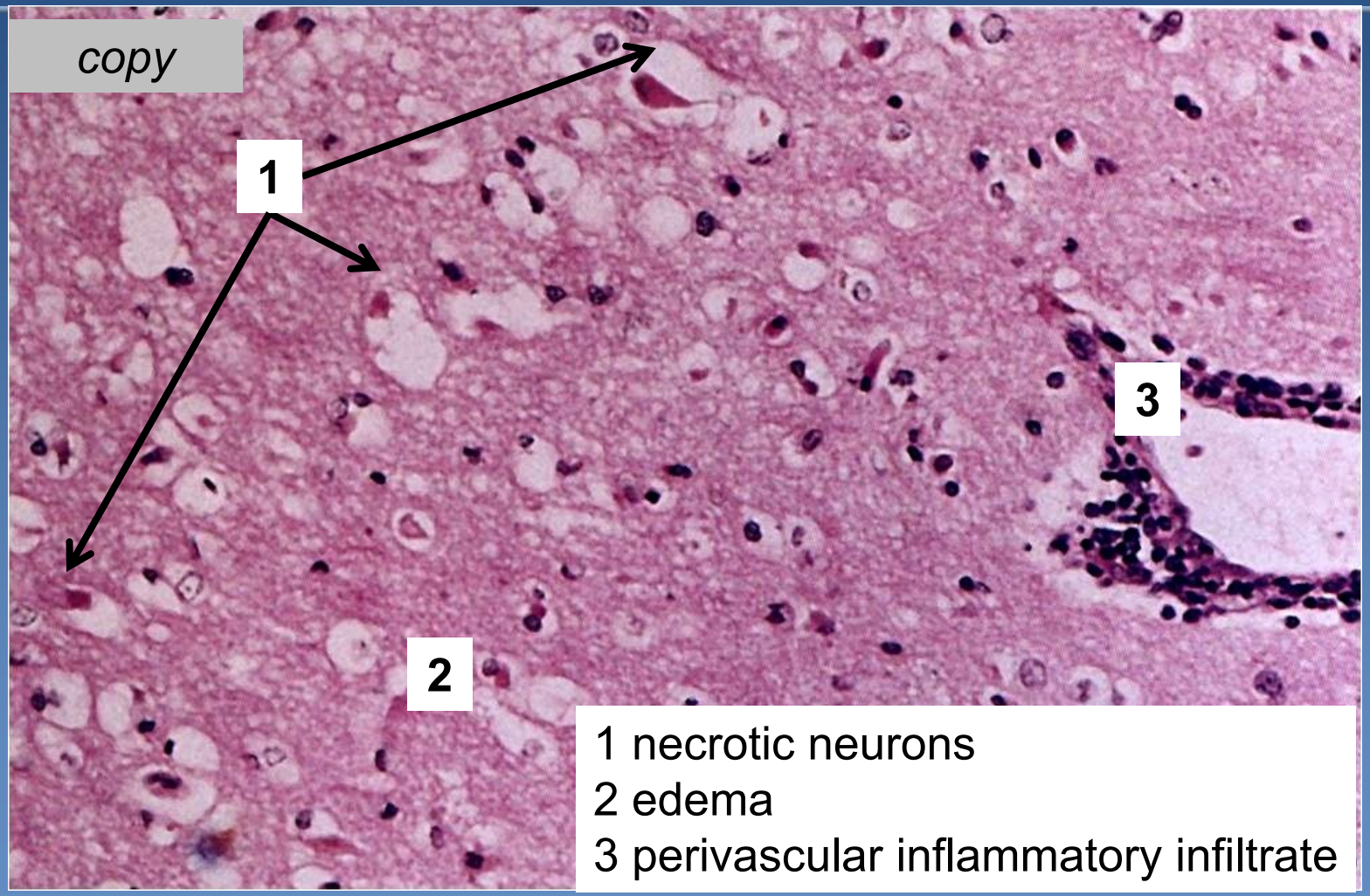
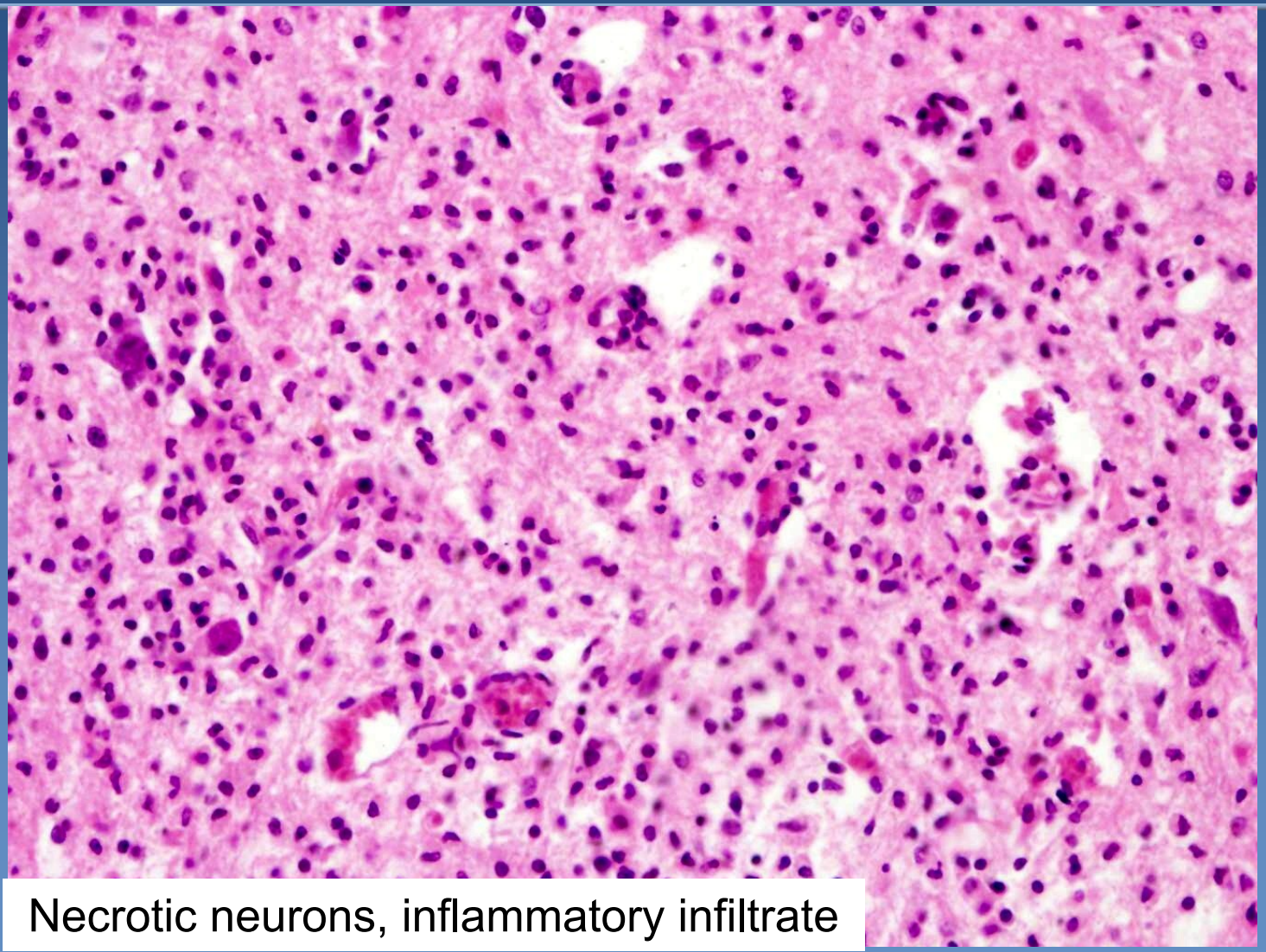


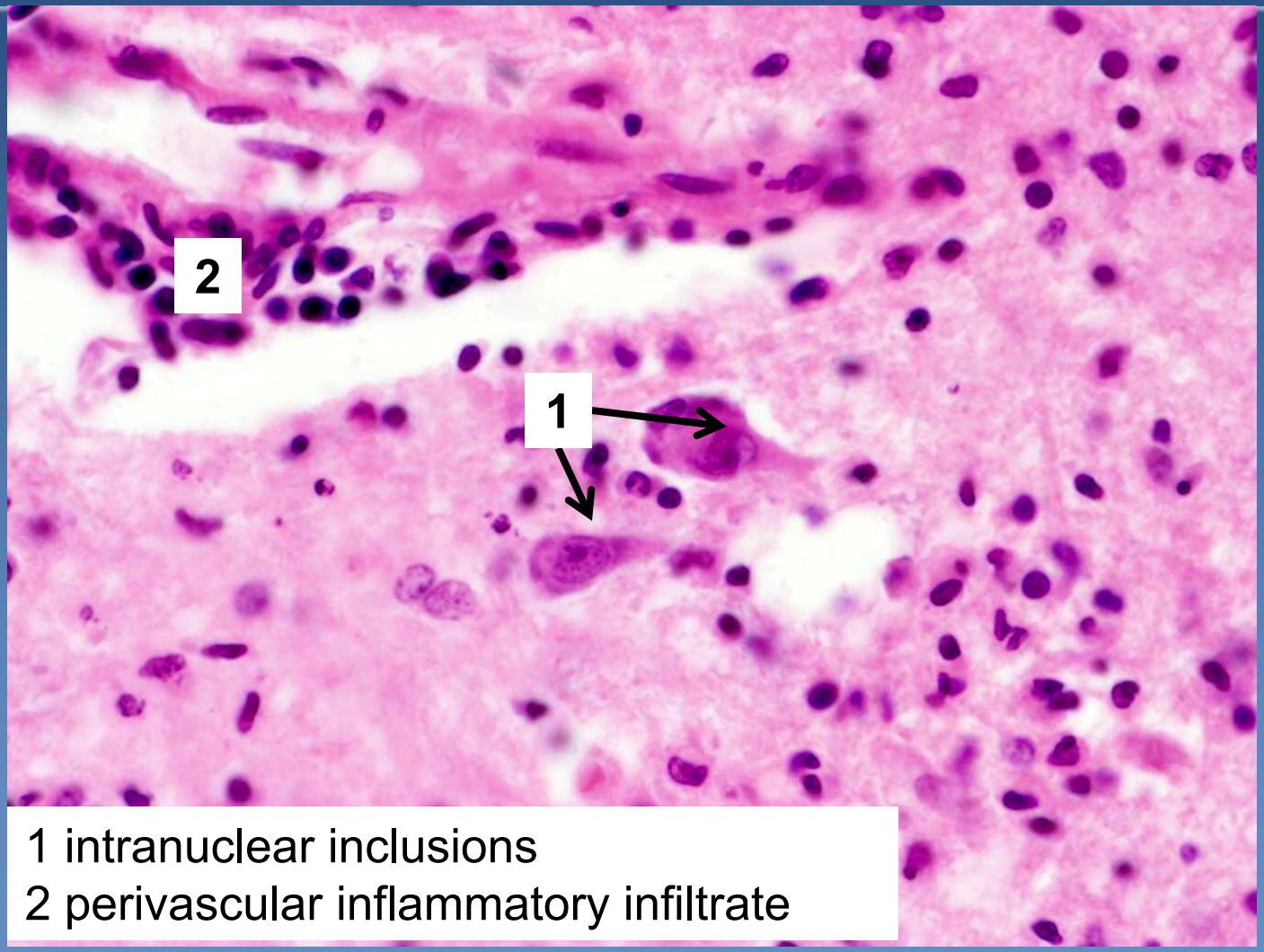
1 necrotic neurons
2 edema
3 perivascular inflammatory infiltrate

Poliomyelitis



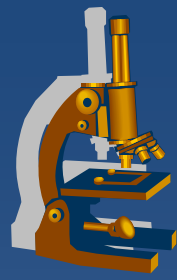
Necrotic neurons, inflammatory infiltrate

Poliomyelitis



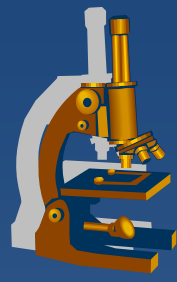
1 intranuclear inclusions
2 perivascular inflammatory infiltrate

Viral encephalitis
without inclusion bodies



- **Tick-borne encephalitis (Middle Europe)**
  - ⇨ ***mostly asymptomatic***
  - ⇨ ***symptoms rarely***
    - convulsions, confusion, delirium, coma, often with focal neurological deficits such as reflex asymmetry
  - ⇨ ***meningeal form, meningoencephalitic or encephalomyelitic form***
    - both gray and white matter affected (panencefalitis)

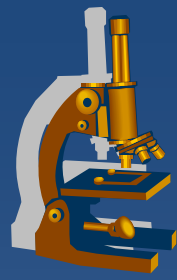
Viral encephalitis without inclusion bodies



- **HIV encephalitis**
- **HIV-associated dementia**

  - ⇨ *acute aseptic meningitis in 10% of HIV + patients*
  - ⇨ *subacute/chronic HIV encephalitis*
  - ⇨ *vacuolar myelopathy*
  - ⇨ ***opportunistic encephalitis (herpetic, CMV, toxoplasmosis)***

Neurosyphilis



⇨ ***different CNS changes in the 2nd, 3rd stage***

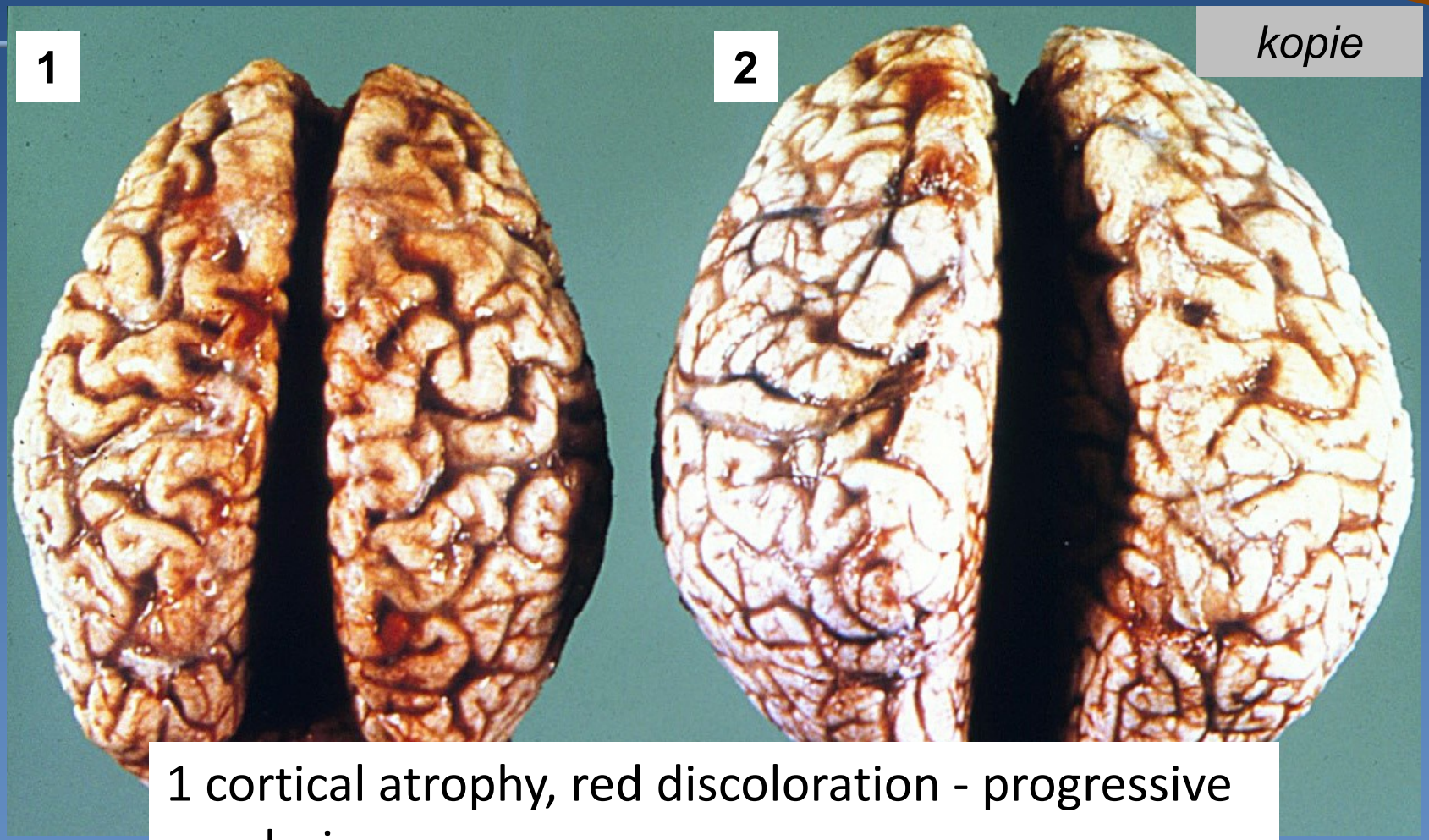
⇨ ***meningovascular form***

- chronic meningitis
- obliterative (Heubner) endarteritis

⇨ ***parenchymatous form***

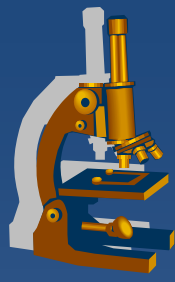
- atrophic cortex + hemosiderin; gummata
- progressive mental deficit ⟶ dementia
- tabes dorsalis – sensory nerves of the dorsal roots

Neurosyphilis



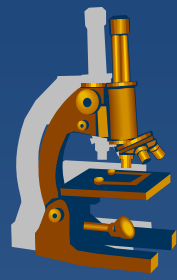
1 cortical atrophy, red discoloration - progressive paralysis
2 initial stage

prion encephalopathy



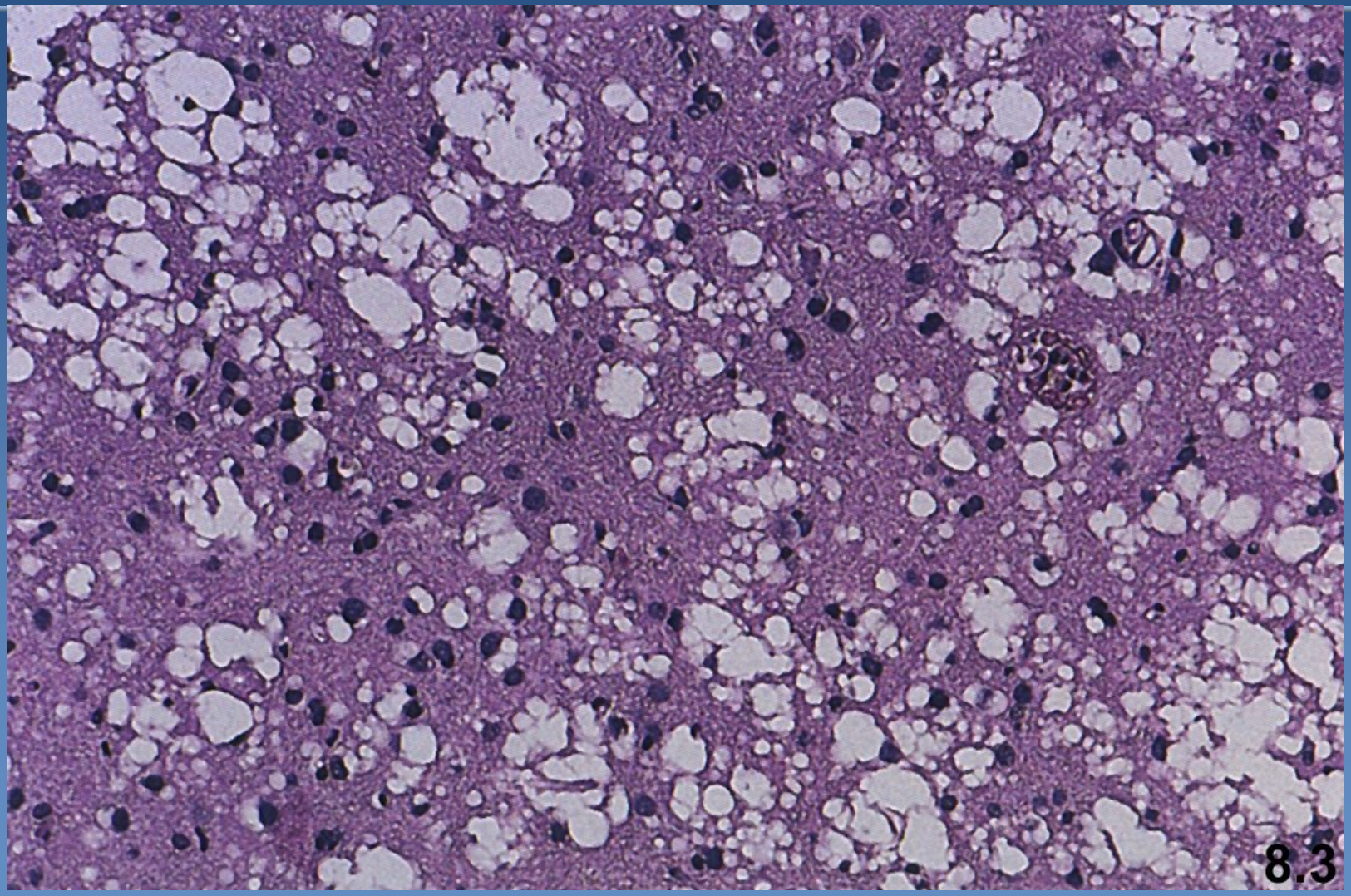
- **Prions** *(proteinaceous infectious particles)*
  - ⇨ ***protein particles capable of inducing conformational change of tissue PrPc to pathogenic PrPSc***
  - ⇨ ***micro:***
    - **spongiform encephalopathy – microscopic vacuolisation**
    - *numerical atrophy of neurons*
    - *reactive gliosis*
    - **missing inflammatory response!!**
  - ⇨ ***long incubation period, rapid progression (dementia)*** → ☹

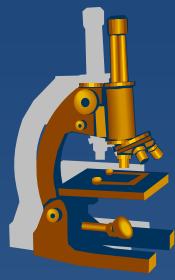
prion encephalopathy



- Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease
  - ⇨ ***sporadic***
  - ⇨ ***familial***
  - ⇨ ***iatrogenic***
  - ⇨ ***variant (BSE?)***

Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease





Neurodegenerative diseases

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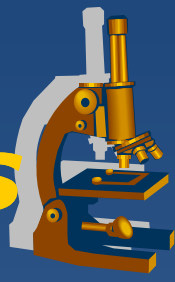
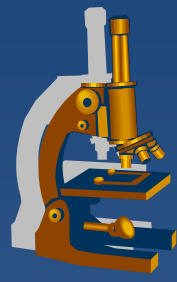


- loss of specific groups of neurons → typical clinical signs
  - ⇨ ***apoptosis + oxygen radicals – neuronal damage***
  - ⇨ ***pathological protein aggregates***
    - disease-specific – classification
  - ⇨ ***genetic risk***

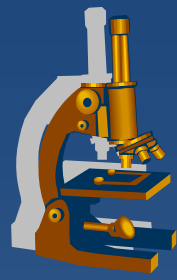
Degenerative diseases



- cortex – Alzheimer disease – dementia
- subcortical – Parkinson d. – tremor, dyskinesia, rigidity
- amyotrophic lateral sclerosis – motor neurone loss

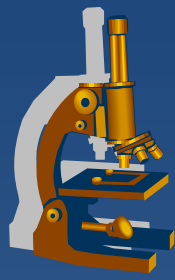
- **Pick‘s disease**
- **Huntington‘s disease**
- **Parkinson‘s disease, parkinsonism**

Alzheimer´s disease



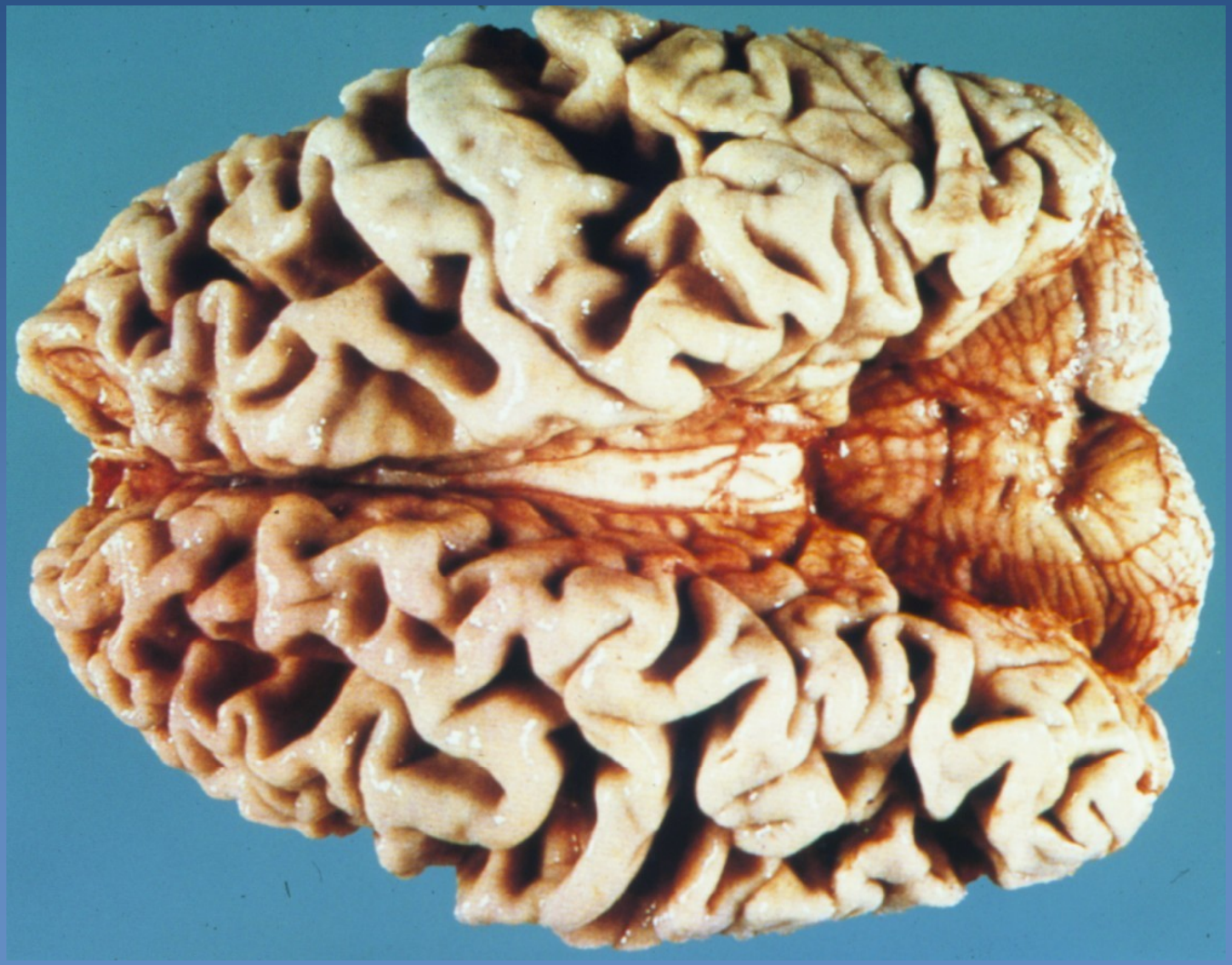
- **the most common neurodegenerative condition**
- **pre-senile dementia**
  - ⇨ *possible start at the age of 50 (or sooner) → slow progression (-> 8-10+ years) → death due to inanition, bronchopneumonia*
  - ⇨ *M:F 1:2*
  - ⇨ *sporadic x familial (about 5%)*

Alzheimer´s disease



- **gross:**
  - *marked cortical atrophy (frontal, temporal)*
  - *loss of cortical grey and white matter, secondary hydrocephalus*
  - *limbic system affected - hippocampus*
- **micro:**
  - *neuronal loss*
  - *A-beta amyloid plaques and neurofibrillary tangles*
  - *amyloid angiopathy - deposits in the wall of capillaries and arterioles*
  - *non-specific changes, only more pronounced*

Alzheimer´s disease



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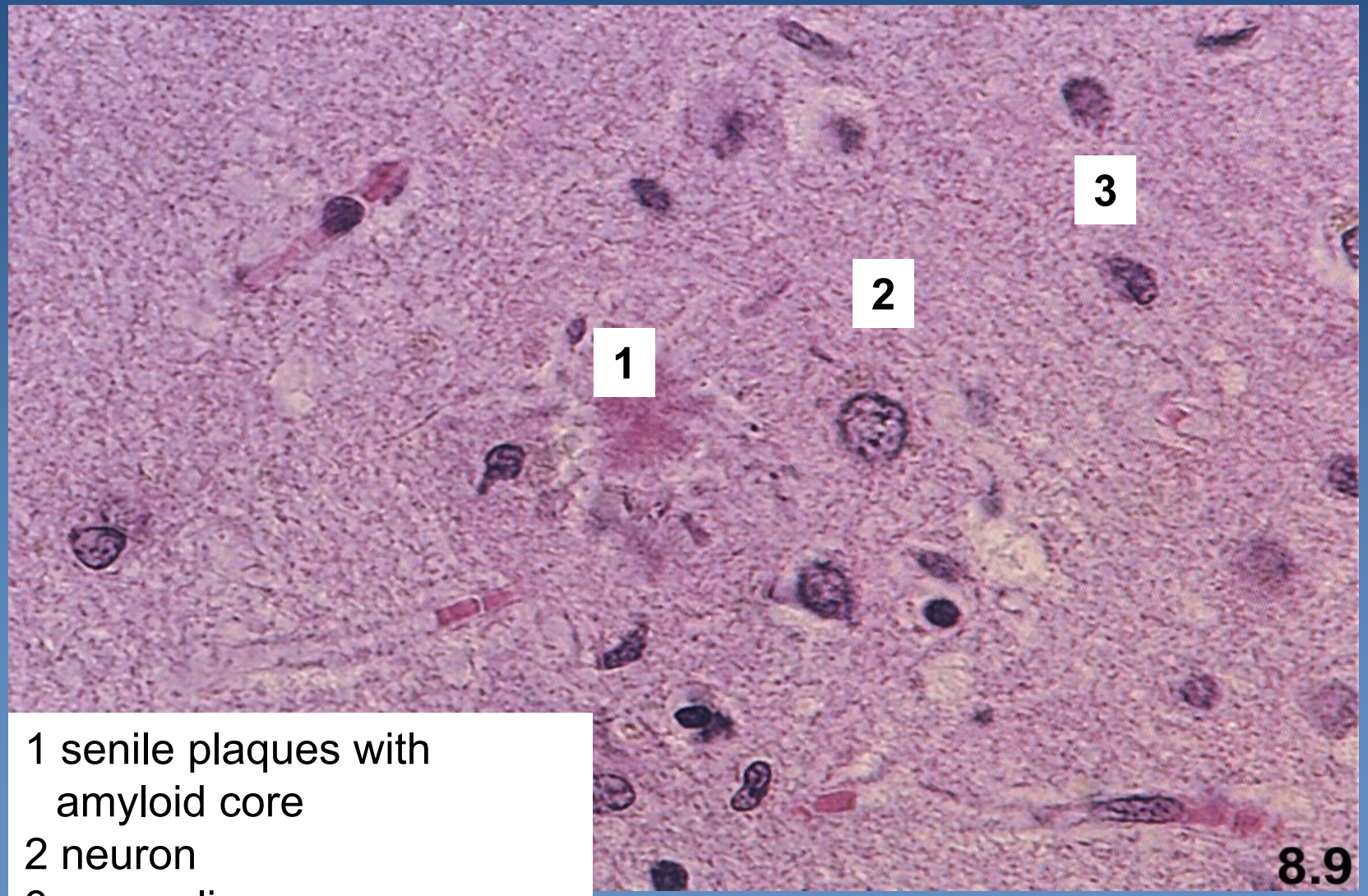
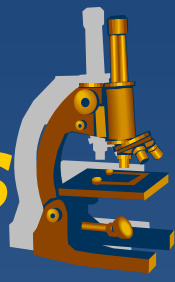


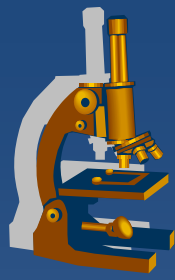
1 senile plaques with amyloid core
2 neuron
3 neuroglia

Frontotemporal dementias



- similar clinical picture – language deterioration, personality changes
- may have specific protein aggregates - deposits (tau)
- sporadic or rare familial
- approx. 10% od dementias

Pick's disease



- 5% of dementias, M>F
- **gross**
  - ***max. atrophy in the frontal and temporal lobe (foliate threads) - lobar atrophy***
- **micro**
  - ***loss of neurons in the I.-III. cortical layers***
  - ***demyelination in the white matter***
  - ***neuron's cytoplasm with Pick bodies (filamentous inclusions),*** *Hirani bodies, granulovacuolar degeneration*

Pick's disease

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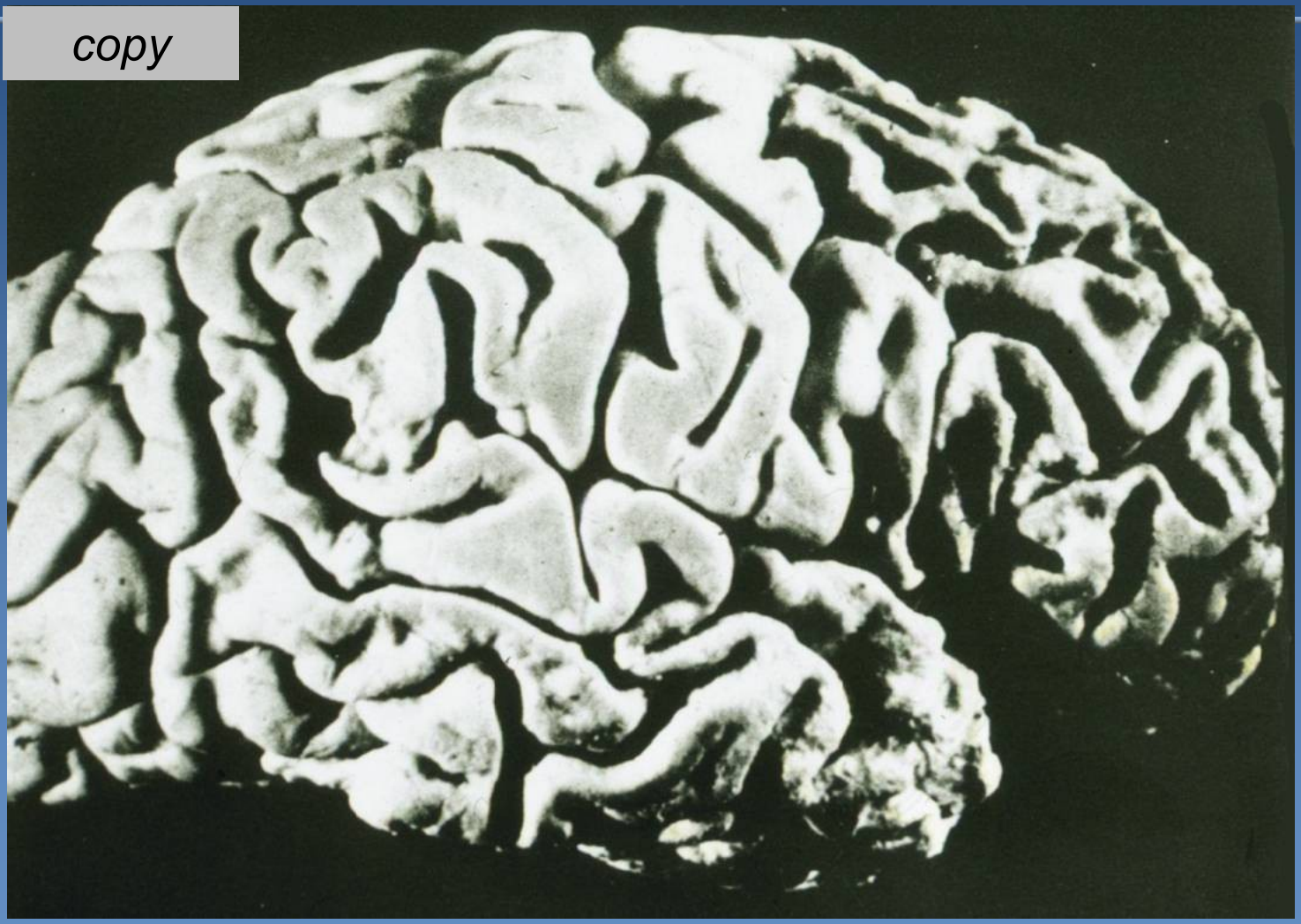

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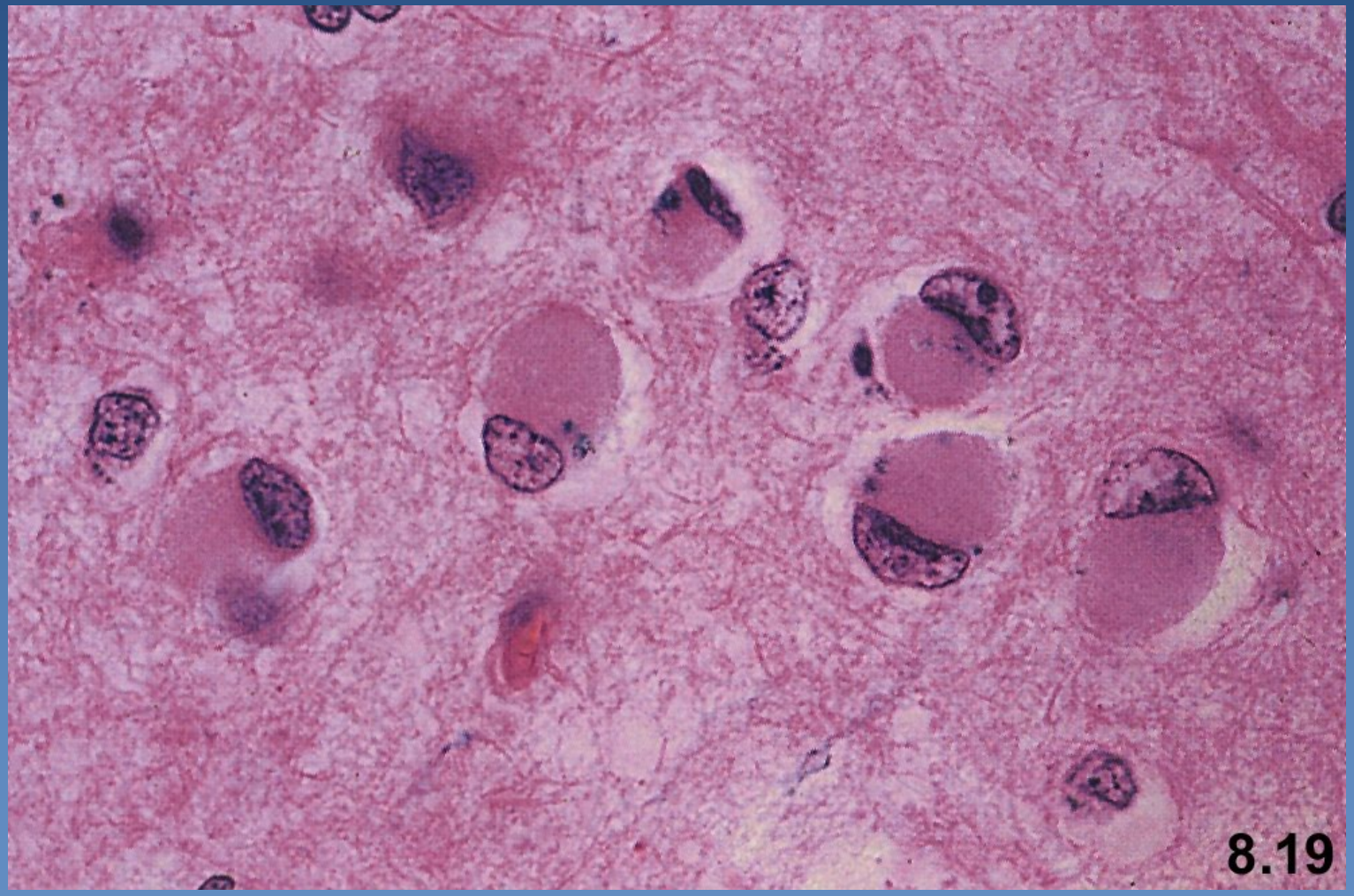
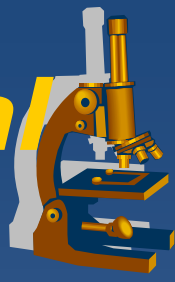
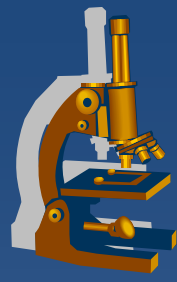


Degenerative diseases of basal ganglia and brainstem



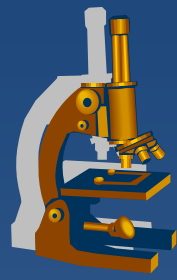
- movement disorders
  - ⇨ ***rigidity***
  - ⇨ ***abnormal posturing***
  - ⇨ ***chorea***
- reduction of voluntary movements
- increase of involuntary movements

Huntington's disease



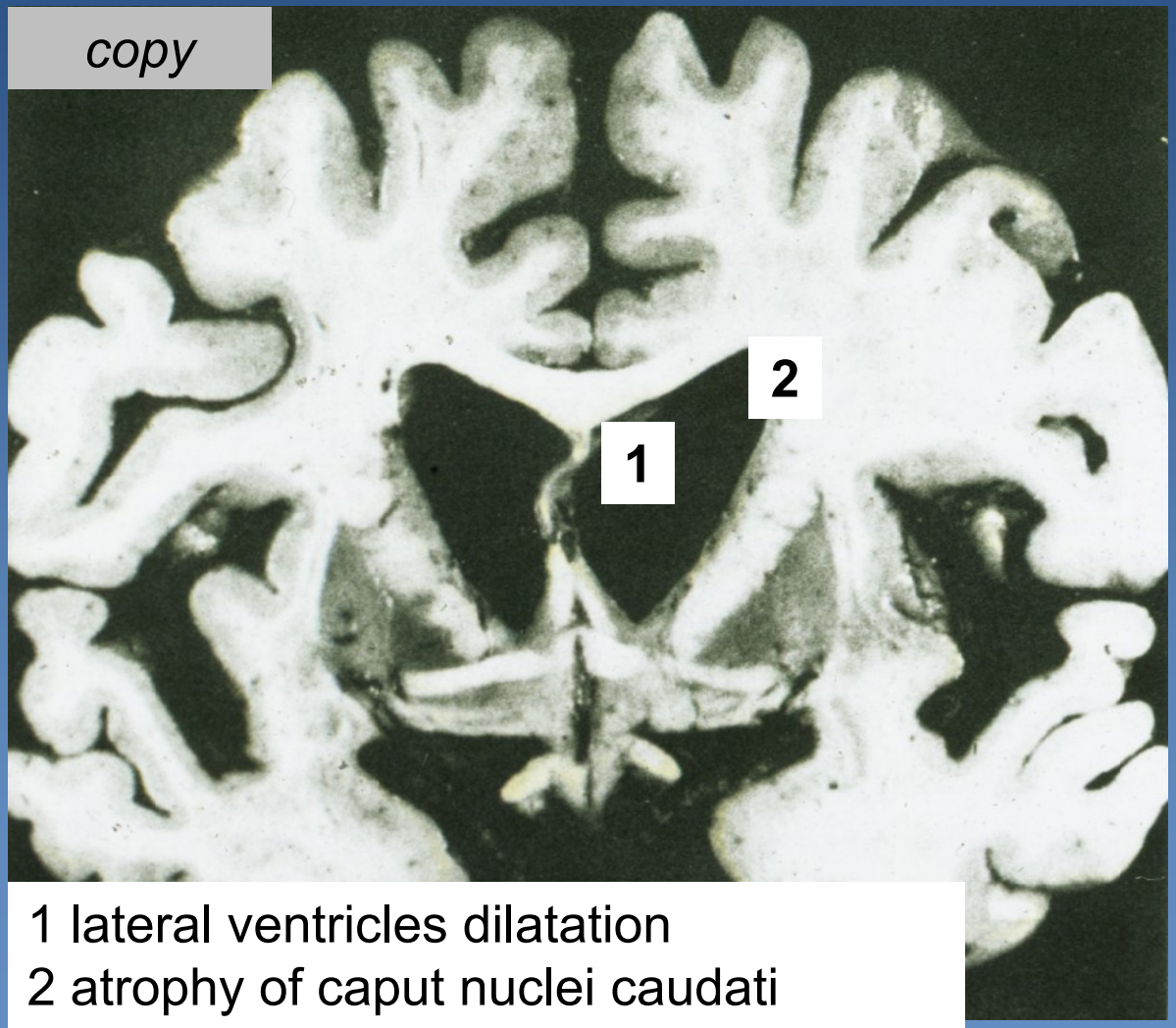
- **AD**
  - ⇨ ***gene on chromosome 4p – huntingtin protein***
    - CAG triplet repeat, if> 35 → disease
    - ↑ number of repeats ⟶ earlier onset, more rapid course
- **begins after age of 30 (4th, 5th decade)**
- progressive course (15-20 years)
- uncoordinated, jerky body movements, gradually dementia

Huntington's disease



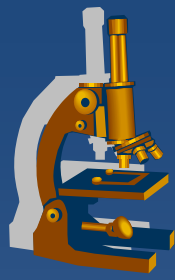
- **gross:**
  - *Atrophy of n. caudatus a putamen*
  - *dilated lateral + 3rd ventricle*
  - *cortical atrophy*
  - *brain weight reduction of up to 30%*
- **micro:**
  - *loss of neurons*
  - *fibrillary gliosis*

Huntington's disease



1 lateral ventricles dilatation
2 atrophy of caput nuclei caudati

Parkinsonism



- **clinical condition due to the damaged nigro – striatal dopaminergic system**
- ↓ inhibitory neurotransmitter
- stiff facial expression, muscle rigidity, slowness of voluntary movements (bradykinesia), tremor
- **forms:**

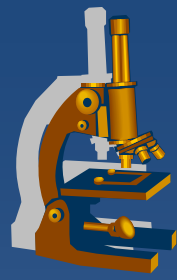
  ⇨ ***Primary PS:***

  - **Parkinson's disease**
  - multiple system atrophy, i. e striatonigral degeneration

  ⇨ ***Secondary PS:***

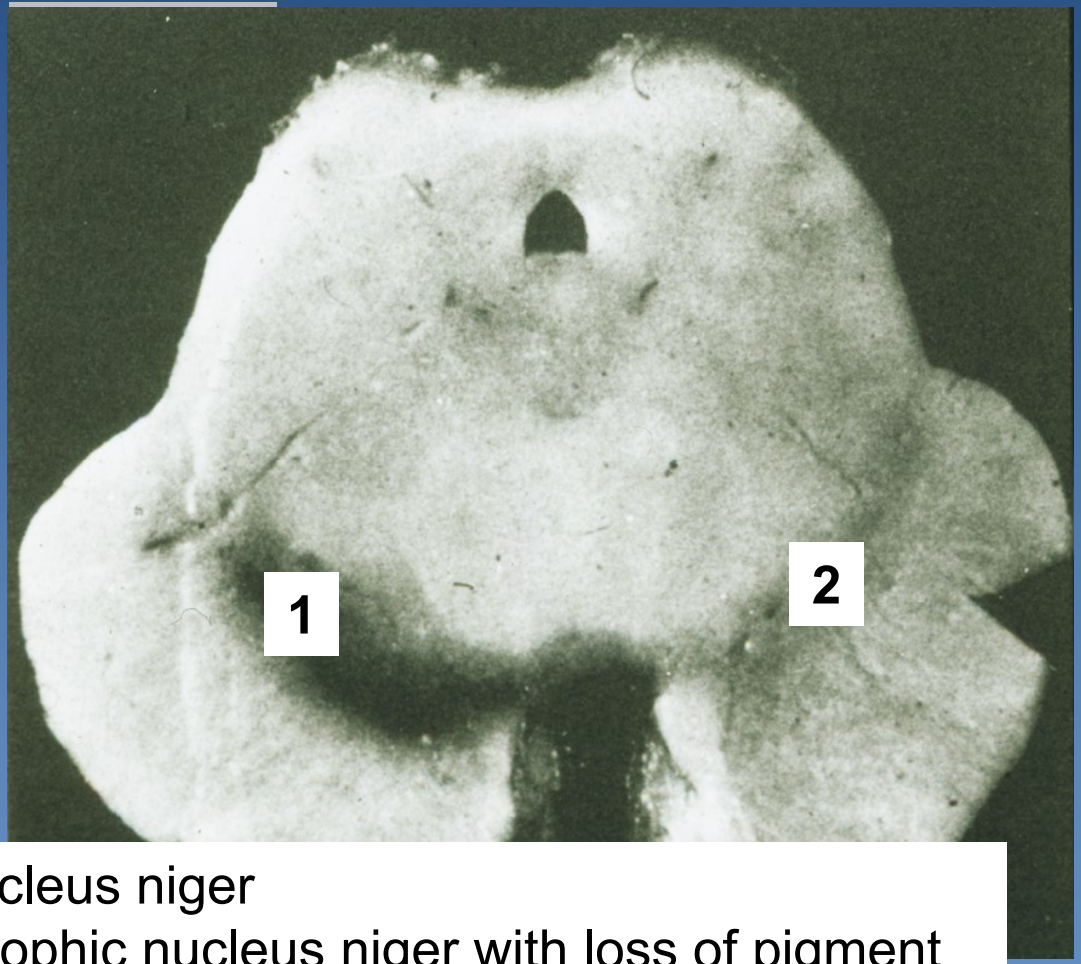
  - after encephalitis, in arteriosclerosis, after CO poisoning, other toxins, tumors, etc.

Parkinson's disease



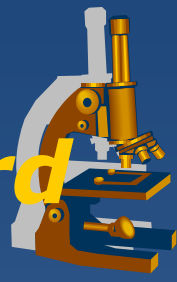
- **idiopatic**
  - ⇨ *mostly sporadic (exogenous, mitochondrial dysfunction?), minority familial*
  - ⇨ *progressive course (10 years), may be + dementia*
- **gross**:
  - ⇨ *minor general changes, decolorization of substantia nigra*
- **micro:**
  - ⇨ *loss of neurons → astrogliosis*
  - ⇨ *numerous Lewy bodies (α-synuclein) in the cytoplasm of damaged neurons*

Parkinson's disease - brainstem



1 nucleus niger
2 atrophic nucleus niger with loss of pigment

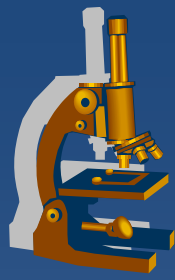
Degenerative diseases of spinal cord



- **Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis**
  - ⇨ *loss of motor neurons*

- **Spinocerebellar hereditary ataxia**
- **Spinal muscular atrophy**

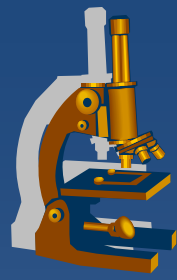
Demyelinating diseases



- **disintegration of myelin sheaths**
  - ⇨ ***axonal regression***
- primary x secondary (after axonal damage)

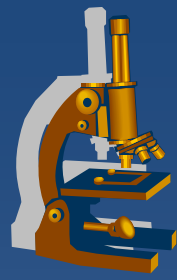
- **multiple sclerosis**
- progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (JC virus)
- acute disseminated encephalomyelitis
  (after viral infection, rarely vaccination)

Multiple sclerosis



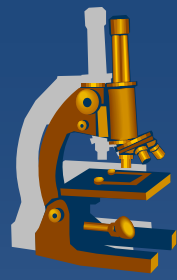
- more frequent in **women** between 20 and 40
- **unclear etiology**
  - ⇨ ***autoimmune disorder triggered by exogenous factor (virus?) in susceptible host (genetics)***
- **progressive course**, episodic acute relapses with neurologic deficit
  - ⇨ ***variable presentation***
  - ⇨ ***sensoric, sensitive, motor dysfunction***
  - ⇨ ***ends in severe psychomotoric disturbance + cachexia***
  - ⇨ ***trophic ulcers, pressure sores, sepsis***

Multiple sclerosis



- **gross:**
  - ⇨ ***white (less commonly gray) matter with multiple, well-demarcated, gray-tan solid lesions – plaques***
    - variable size mm-cm
  - ⇨***Mostly periventricular****, but also in optic fasciculus….*
- **micro:**
  - ⇨***Active plaques, early (pink, softer)***
    - myelin reduction, perivascular monocytic infiltrate + activation of macrophages ⟶ axonal destruction
  - ⇨***Inactive plaques:***
    - disappearance of oligodendrocytes and myelin, reactive gliosis, persistence of numerous nerve fibers without inflammation

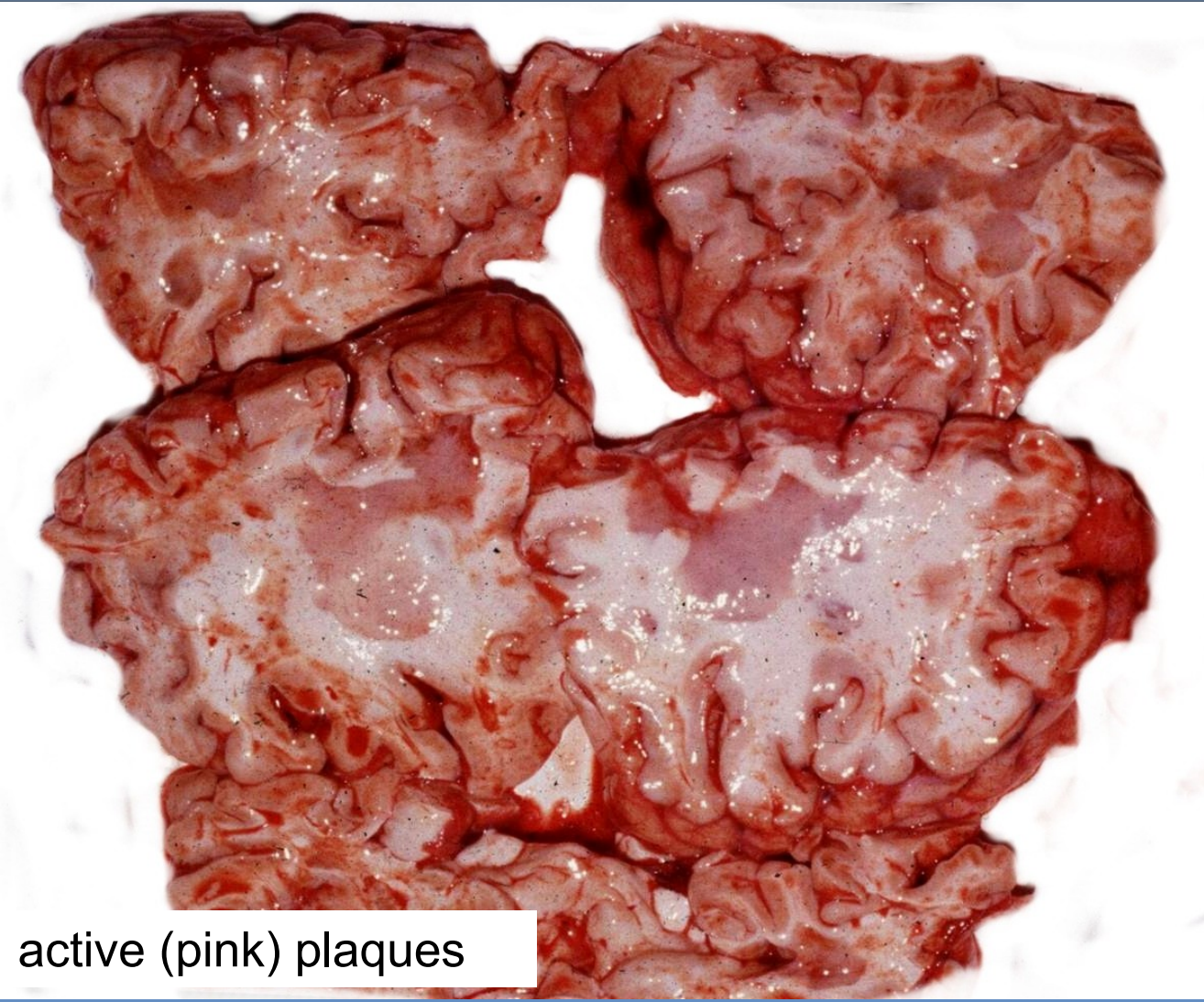
Multiple sclerosis



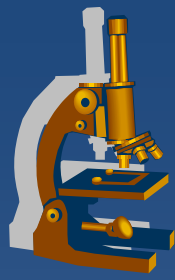
- **Acute form**
  - ⇨ *fatal within a few weeks / months*
  - ⇨ *may be in children*
  - ⇨ *pink lesions (plaques) in white matter of the brainstem, spinal cord*

- **Neuromyelitis optica**
  - ⇨ *fasciculus opticus → bilateral blindness*
  - ⇨ *necrotic centre of plaques*

Multiple sclerosis

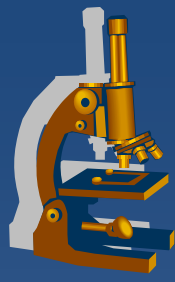


active (pink) plaques

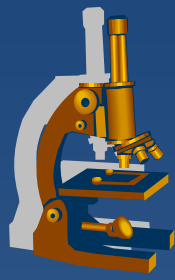


Tumors of the nervous system

neuroectodermal tumors

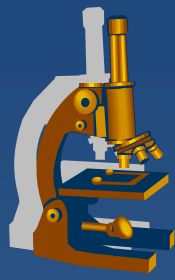


- tumors of the central nervous system
- peripheral neuroectodermal tumors
- tumors of the autonomic nervous system
- melanocytic tumors



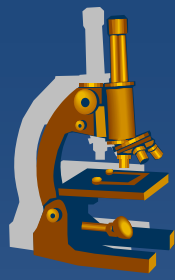
INTRACRANIAL TUMORS

Intracranial tumors



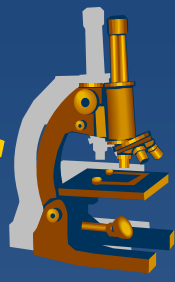
- primary extracerebral (meningioma, schwannoma, neurofibroma)
- primary intracerebral (gliomas – astrocytoma, oligodendroglioma, ependymoma, neuronal tumors, primitive neuroectodermal tumors PNET – medulloblastoma, endocrine t., vascular t., lymphomas
- secondary tumors – metastases, leukemic infiltration

Intracranial tumors



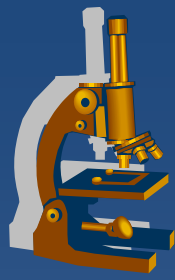
- focal signs according to the localisation (excitation, later loss of function)
- general raised intracranial pressure (seizures, headache, visual defects, nausea etc.)
- histologically benign brain tumors can kill the patient – growing in a position where they cannot be completely resected !

Metastatic tumors of the CNS



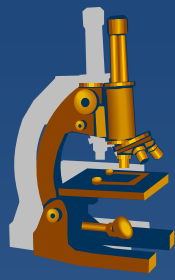
- CNS metastases in 25% of cancer deaths
- most common origin in adults
  - ***lung ca (small cell, adenocarcinoma)***
  - ***breast ca***
  - ***melanoma***
  - ***renal***
  - ***colorectal***
- most common origin in children
  - ***leukaemia, lymphoma***
  - ***osteosarcoma, rhabdomyosarcoma***

Biologic potential



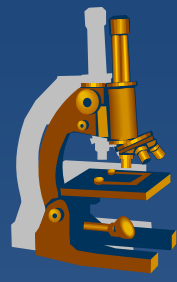
- possible infiltrating growth of histologically benign tumors
- localisation highly important (grave consequences even in benign tumors)
- rare metastases outside the CNS

Age factor



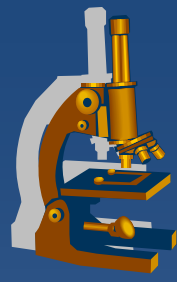
- in chidren - mostly primary intracerebral incl. PNET; infratentorially (posterior fossa)
- in adults – number of secondary t. rises with age; mostly supratentorially

classification of intracranial tumors



- **Astrocytic tumors**
- **Oligodendroglial tumors**
- **Ependymal tumors**
- Choroid plexus tumors
- Neuronal/glioneuronal tumors
- Pineal tumors
- **Embryonal tumors**

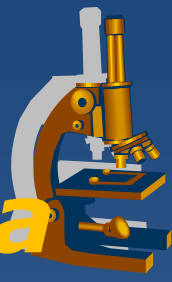
Astrocytic tumors



- **Diffuse (fibrillary) astrocytoma** (Grade II)
- **Anaplastic astrocytoma** (Grade III)
- **Glioblastoma** (Grade IV)

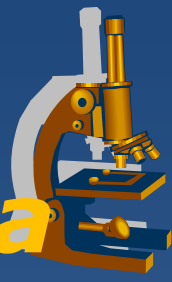
- **Pilocytic astrocytoma** (Grade I)
- Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma (Grade II)
- subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (Grade I)

Astrocytic tumors
Diffuse (fibrillary) astrocytoma



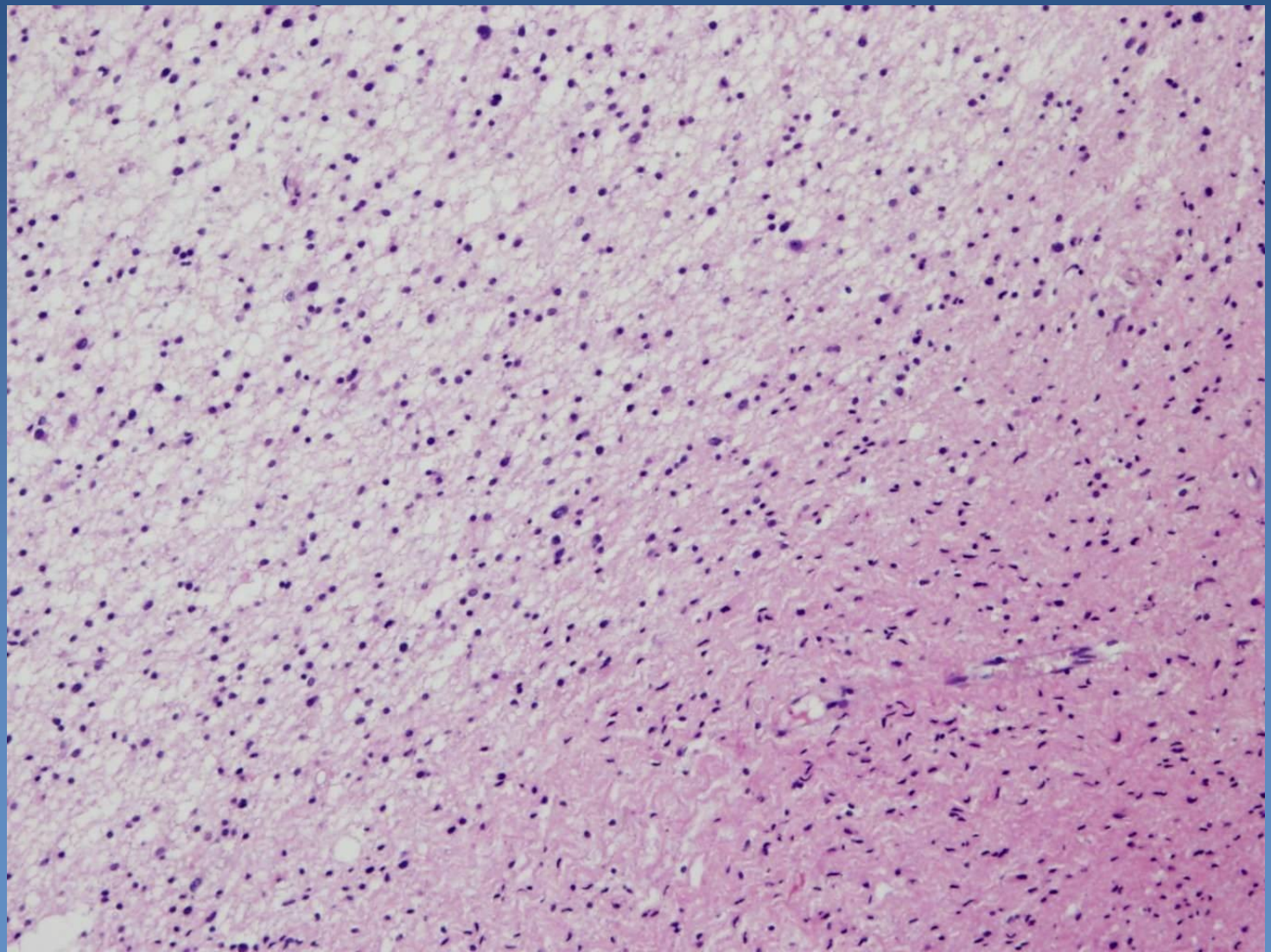
- **low grade - grade II/IV (WHO)**
- **slow growth, high degree of differentiation**
- **!! intrinsic tendency for malignant progression to anaplastic astrocytoma → glioblastoma**
- **in all age groups**
  - ⇨ *mostly young adults, M>F*
- **Anywhere in the brain -** poorly demarcated or infiltrative tumor

Astrocytic tumors
Diffuse (fibrillary) astrocytoma



- **micro:**
  - *well-differentiated fibrillary, germistocytic (mass of eosinophilic cytoplasm), rare protoplasmic astrocytes*
  - *slightly increased cellularity in comparison with normal tissue tumor*
  - *stroma often microcystic*
  - *usually no mitotic activity*
  - *without necrosis or microvascular proliferation*

Diffuse (fibrillary) astrocytoma



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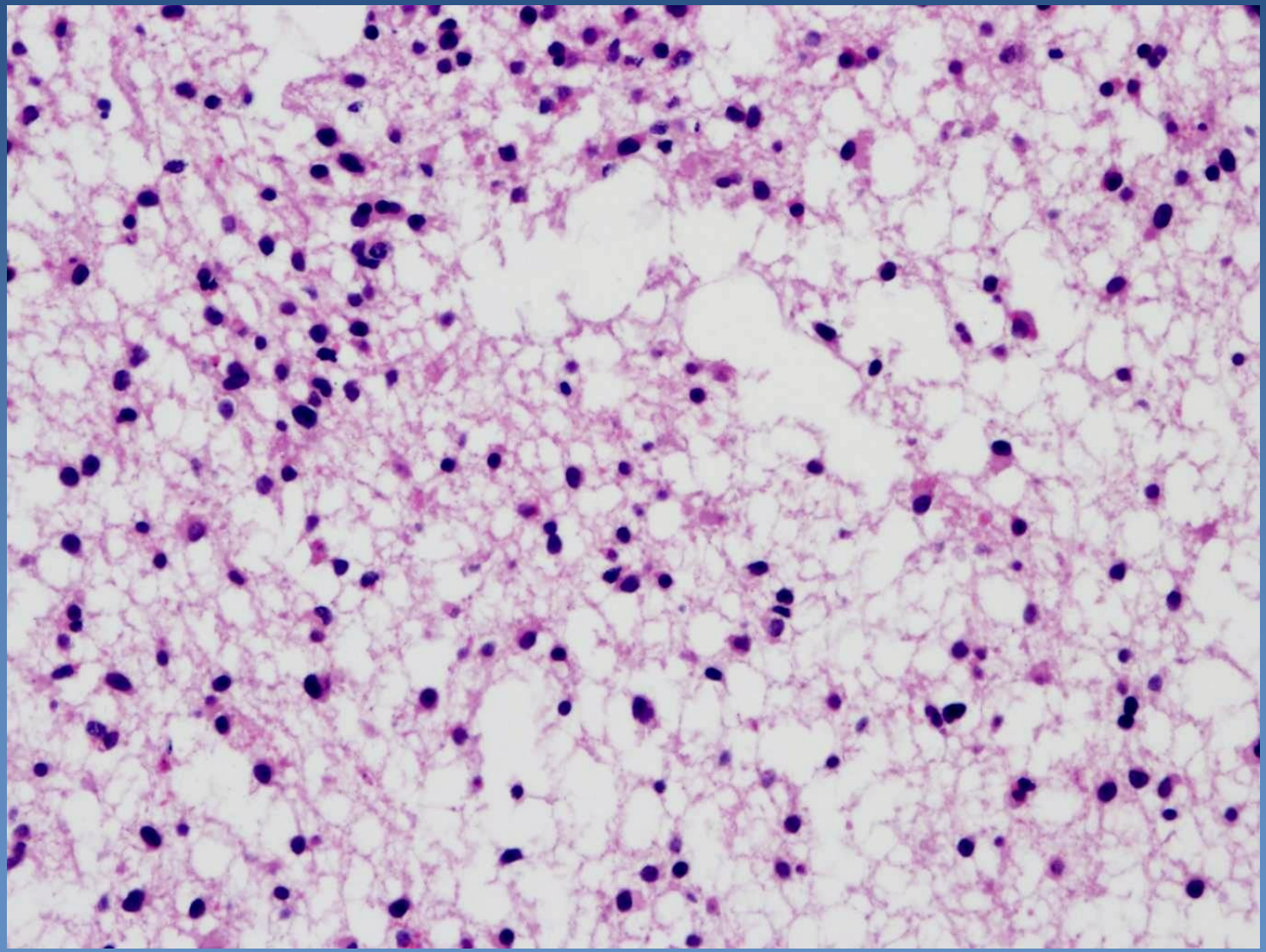
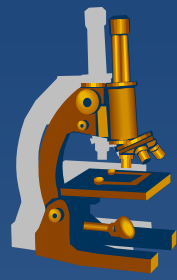
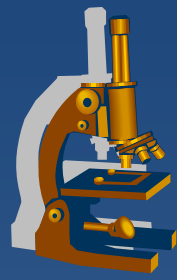


Astrocytic tumors
Glioblastoma



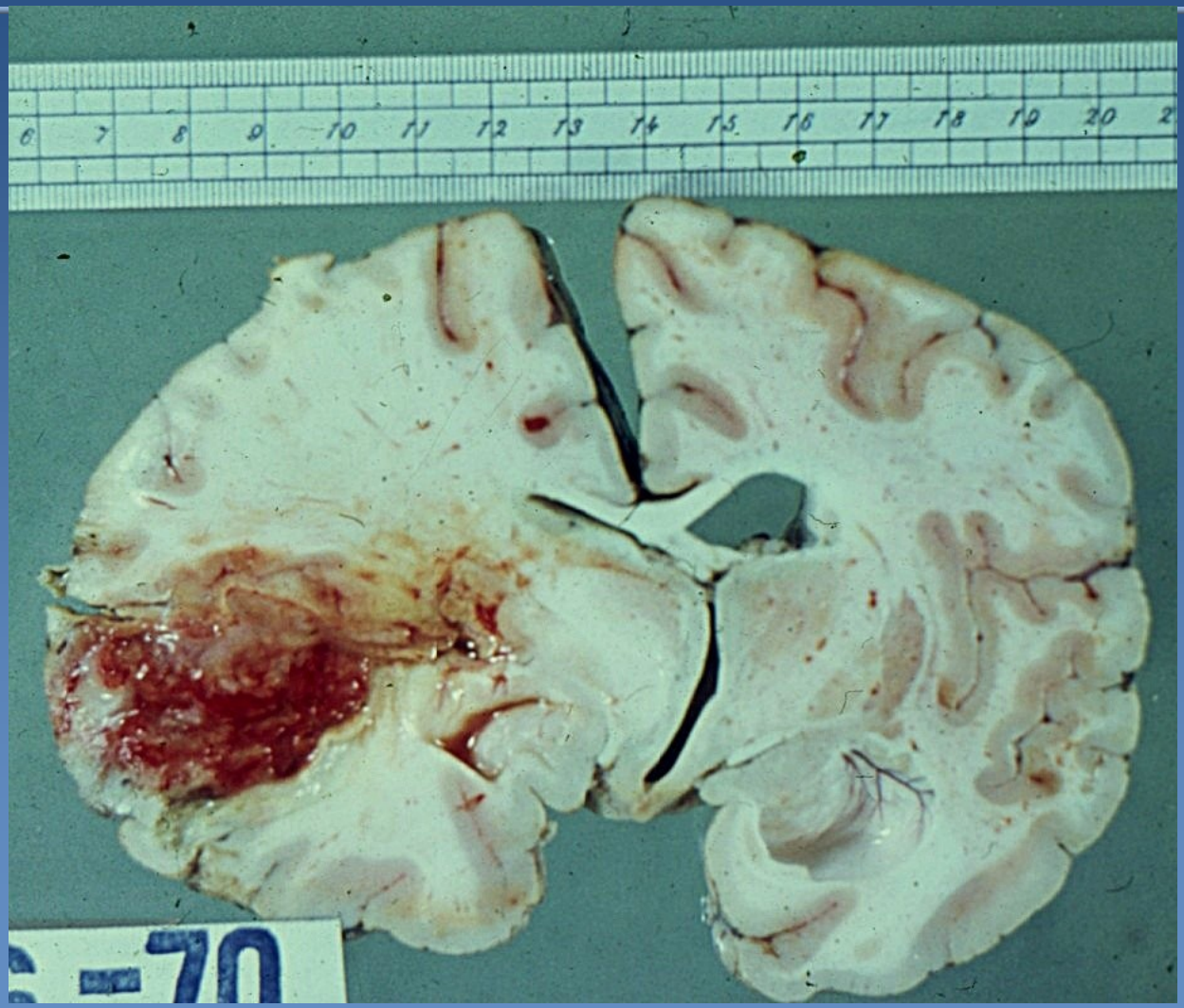
- **grade IV/IV (WHO) – anaplastic glioma**
- **most common and most malignant primary brain tumor**
- **typically in adults, usually 45-75 years of age**
- **mostly de novo – primary glioblastoma**
  - ⇨ *short history, >60 years of age*
- **possible transformation from preexisting astrocytoma gr. II or III – secondary glioblastoma,**
  - ⇨ *history 1-10 yrs, around 45 years of age*
- **rapidly growing, infiltrative (very poor prognosis)**
- **gross:**
  - ⇨ ***variable appearance – white and firm regions, yellow and soft parts, foci of necrosis, cysts, hemorrhages***

Astrocytic tumors
Glioblastoma



- **micro:**
  - ⇨ ***pleomorphic tumor cells - severe cellular and nuclear atypia***
  - ⇨ ***tumor is regionally heterogeneous***
    - alternatition of pleiomorphic and more regularly arranged areas
  - ⇨ ***high mitotic rate***
  - ⇨ ***conspicuous microvascular proliferation and / or necrosis***
  - ⇨ ***pseudopalisading of tumor cells around necrotic areas***

Glioblastoma



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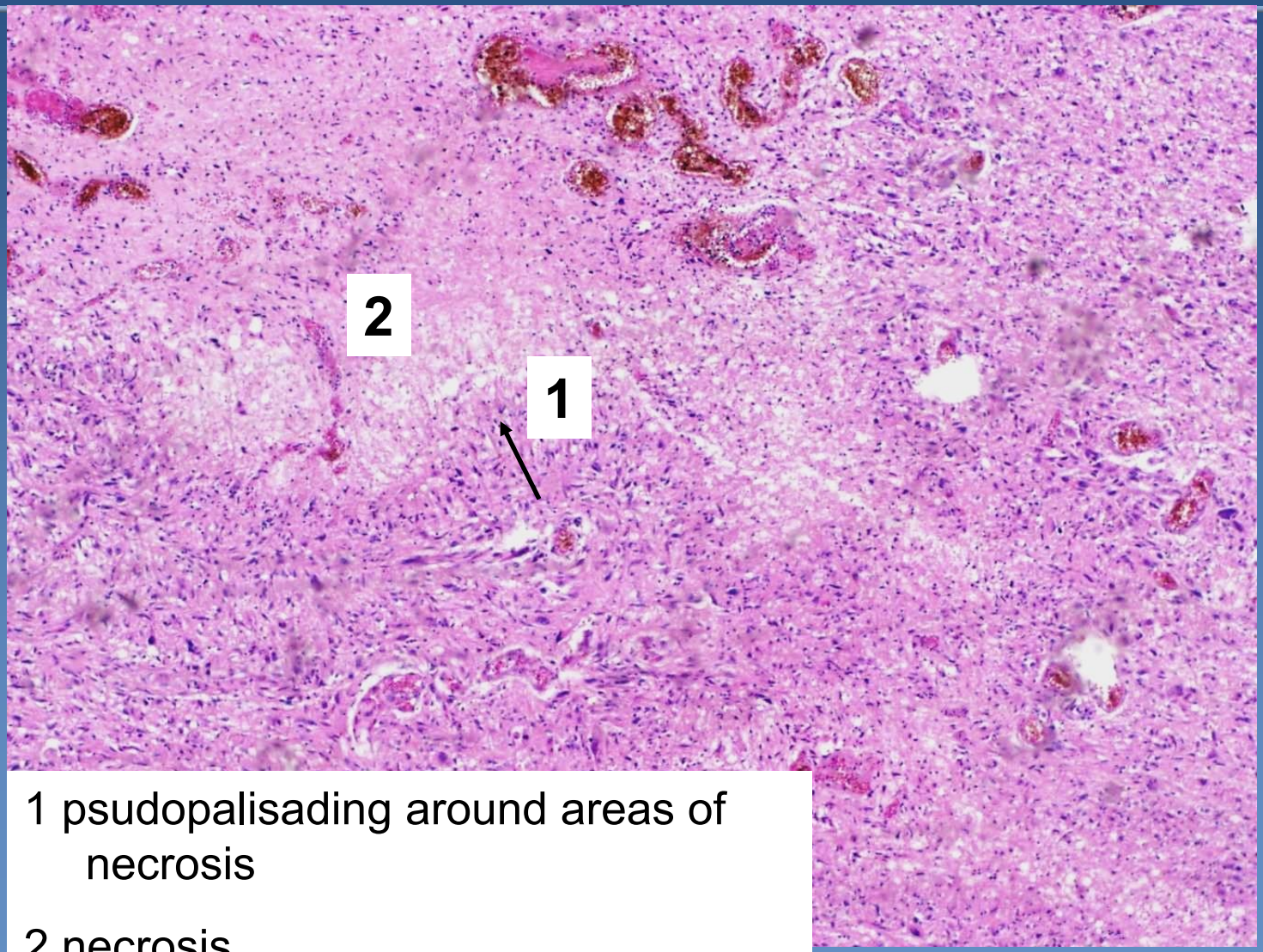
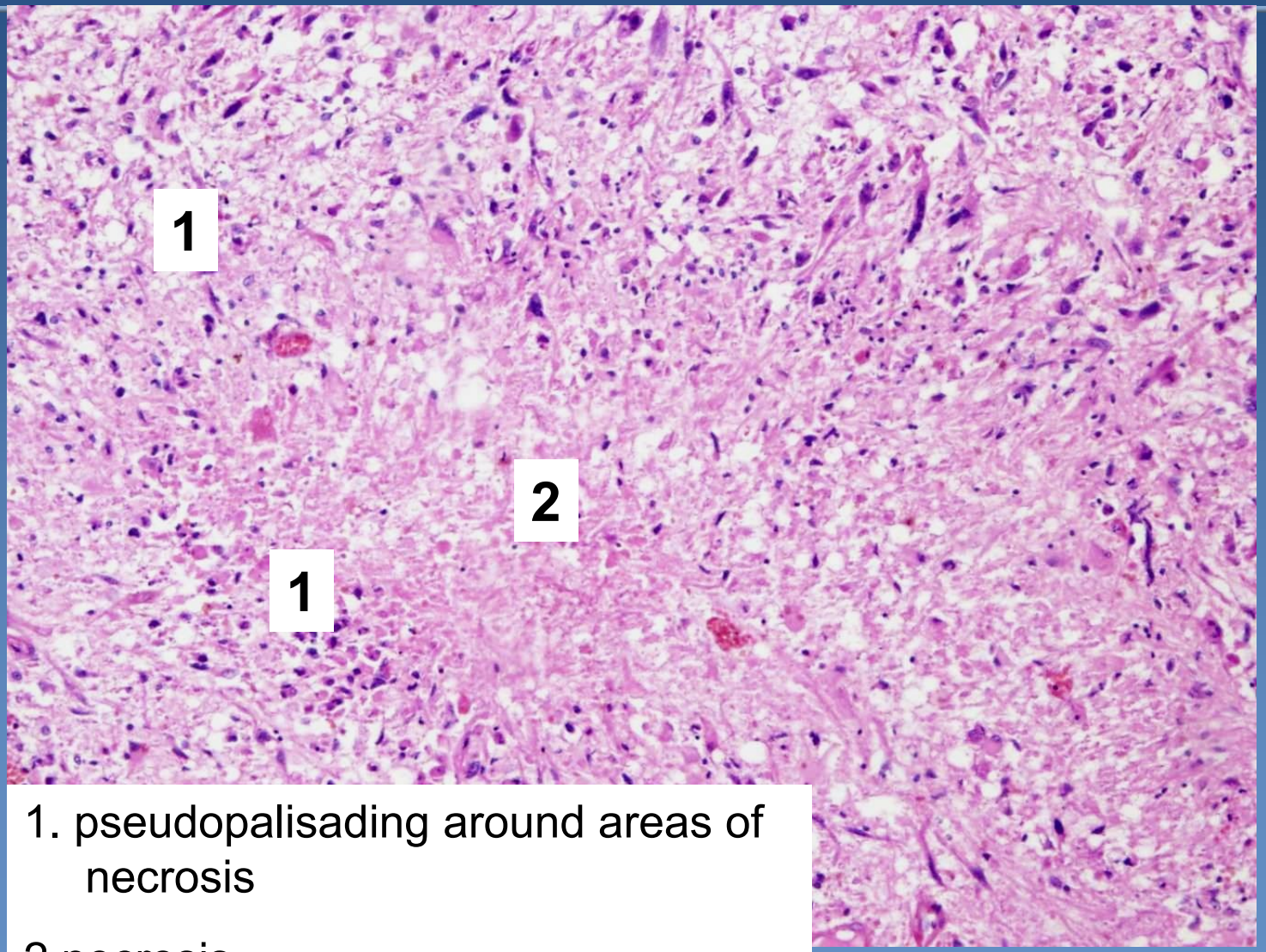


1 psudopalisading around areas of necrosis

2 necrosis

Glioblastoma



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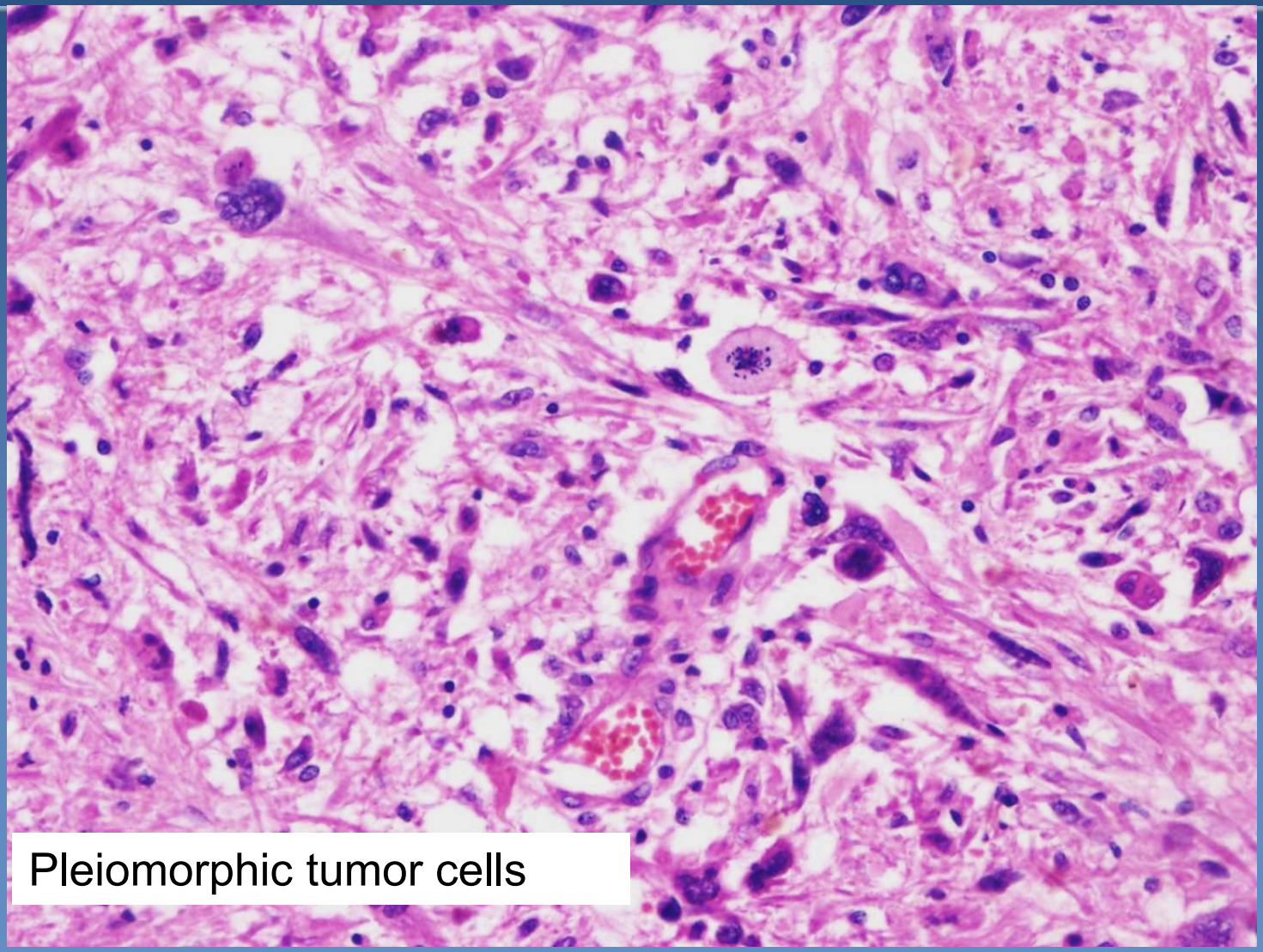
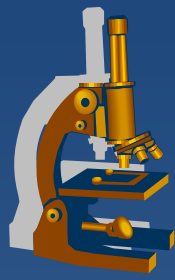
Glioblastoma



Pleiomorphic tumor cells

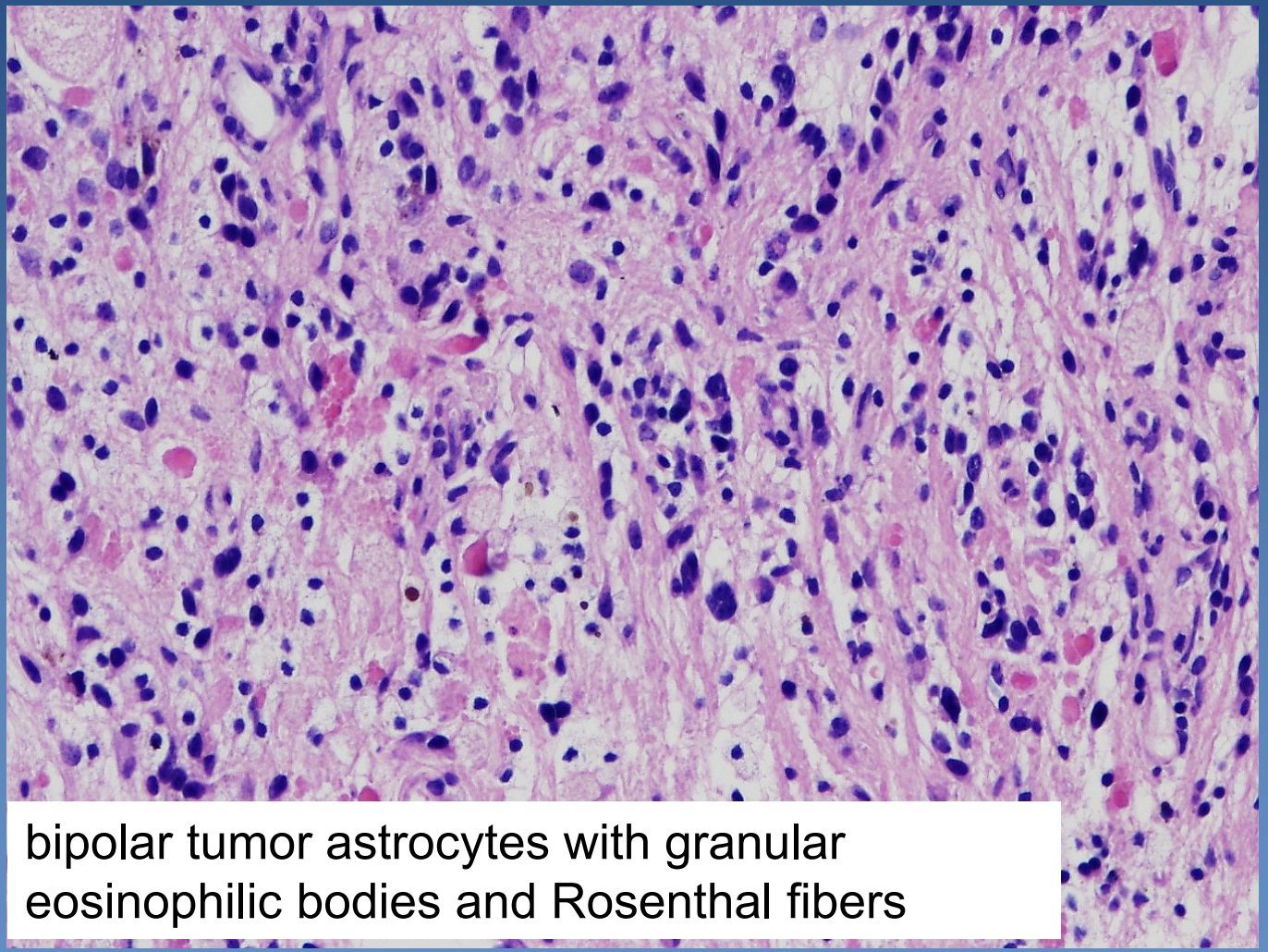
Astrocytic tumors

Pilocytic astrocytoma



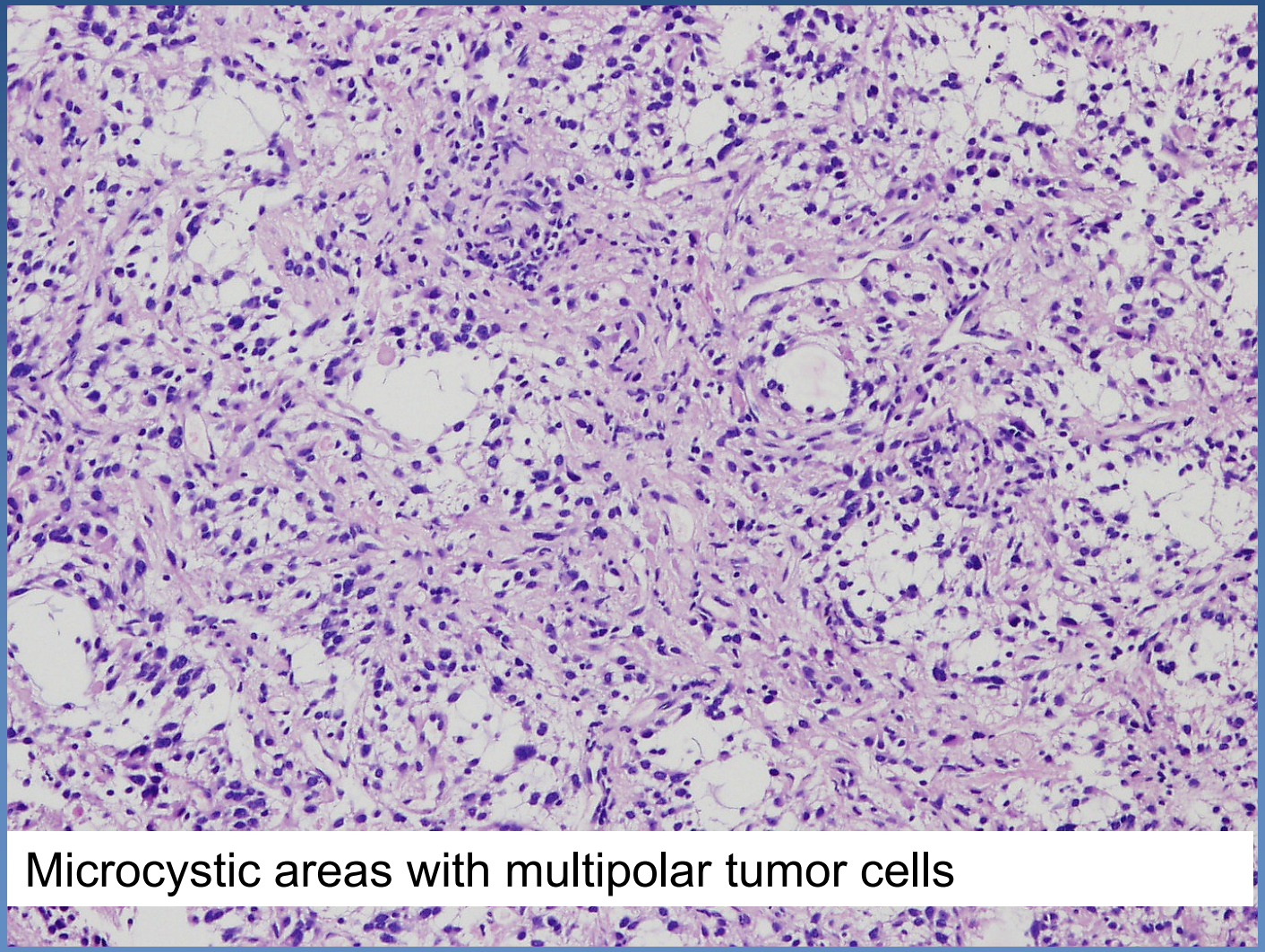
- **grade I (WHO)**
- **grows very slowly**
- growth begins in childhood - clinical signs manifest around age of 20 (and later); in cerebellum or near III. and IV. ventricle, resection posssible
- **micro:**
  - ⇨ ***biphasic structure solid / cystic***
    - compact region with bipolar tumor astrocytes with eosinophilic Rosenthal fibers
    - microcystic, sparsely cellular areas with multipolar tumor cells with granular eosinophilic bodies and eosinophilic globules
  - ⇨ *degenerative atypia and calcification*
  - ⇨ *infrequent mitosis, sm. nuclear pleiomorphism and hyperchromasia*
  - ⇨ *glomeruloid vascular endothelial proliferation often*
  - ⇨ *small necrosis possible*

Pilocytic astrocytoma



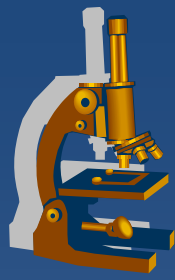
bipolar tumor astrocytes with granular eosinophilic bodies and Rosenthal fibers

Pilocytic astrocytoma



Microcystic areas with multipolar tumor cells

Oligodendroglial tumors

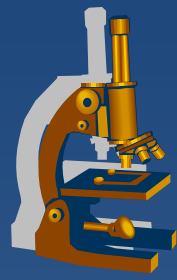


- **Oligodendroglioma** (Grade II/IV)

- Anaplastic oligodendroglioma (Grade III)
- Mixed oligoastrocytomas (Grade II, III)

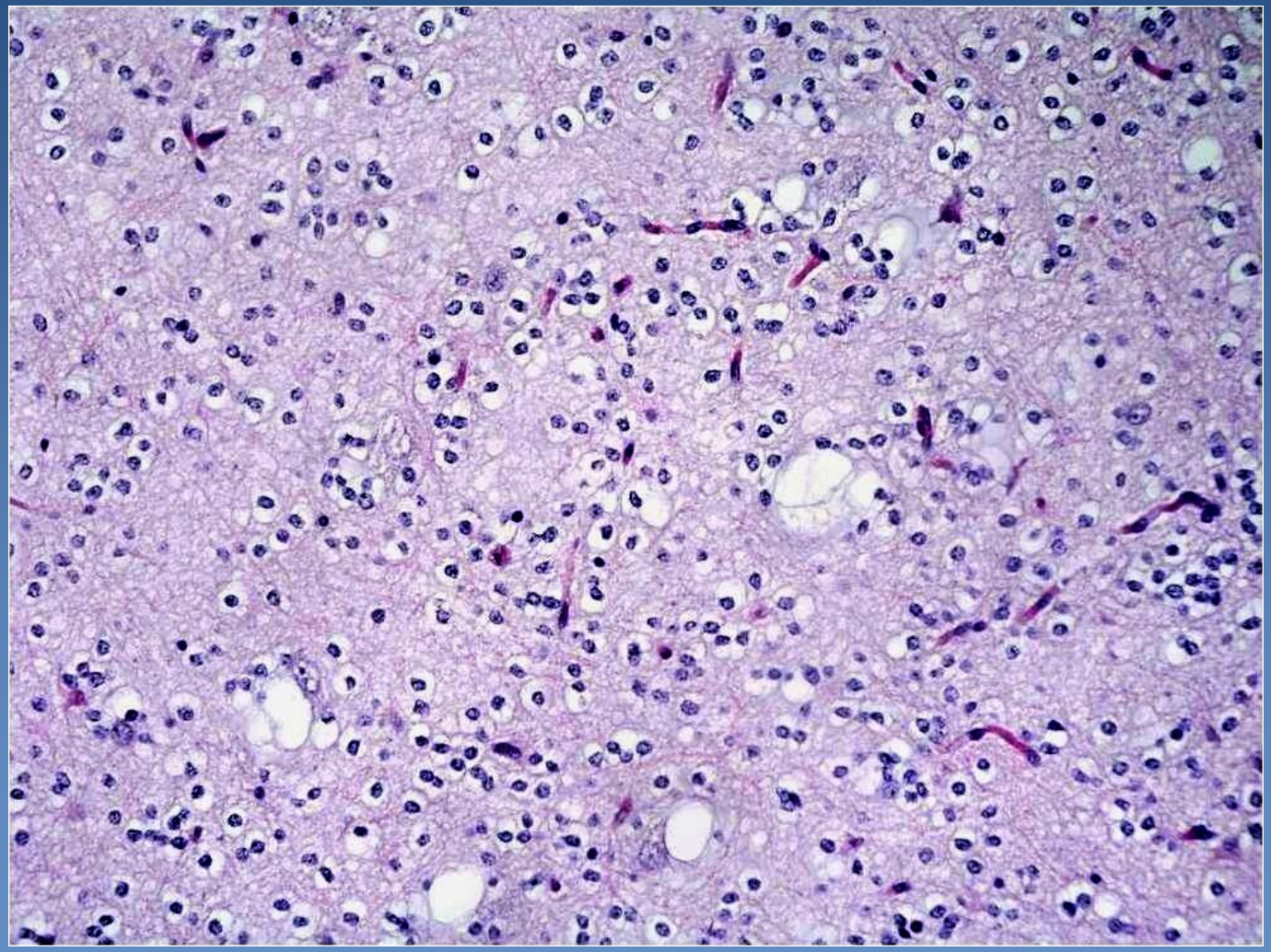
Oligodendroglial tumors

Oligodendroglioma

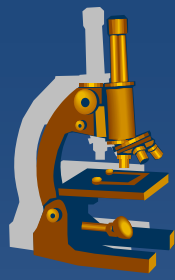


- **grade II (WHO)**
- **in adults; slow growth**
- **Micro:**
  - ⇨ ***uniform tumor cells with round nuclei and perinuclear halos***
  - ⇨ ***microcalfications (X-ray)***
  - ⇨ *areas of mucoid degeneration*
  - ⇨ ***abundant branching capillaries***

Oligodendroglioma

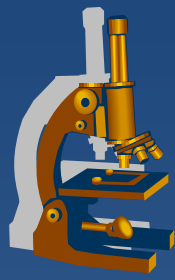


Ependymal tumors



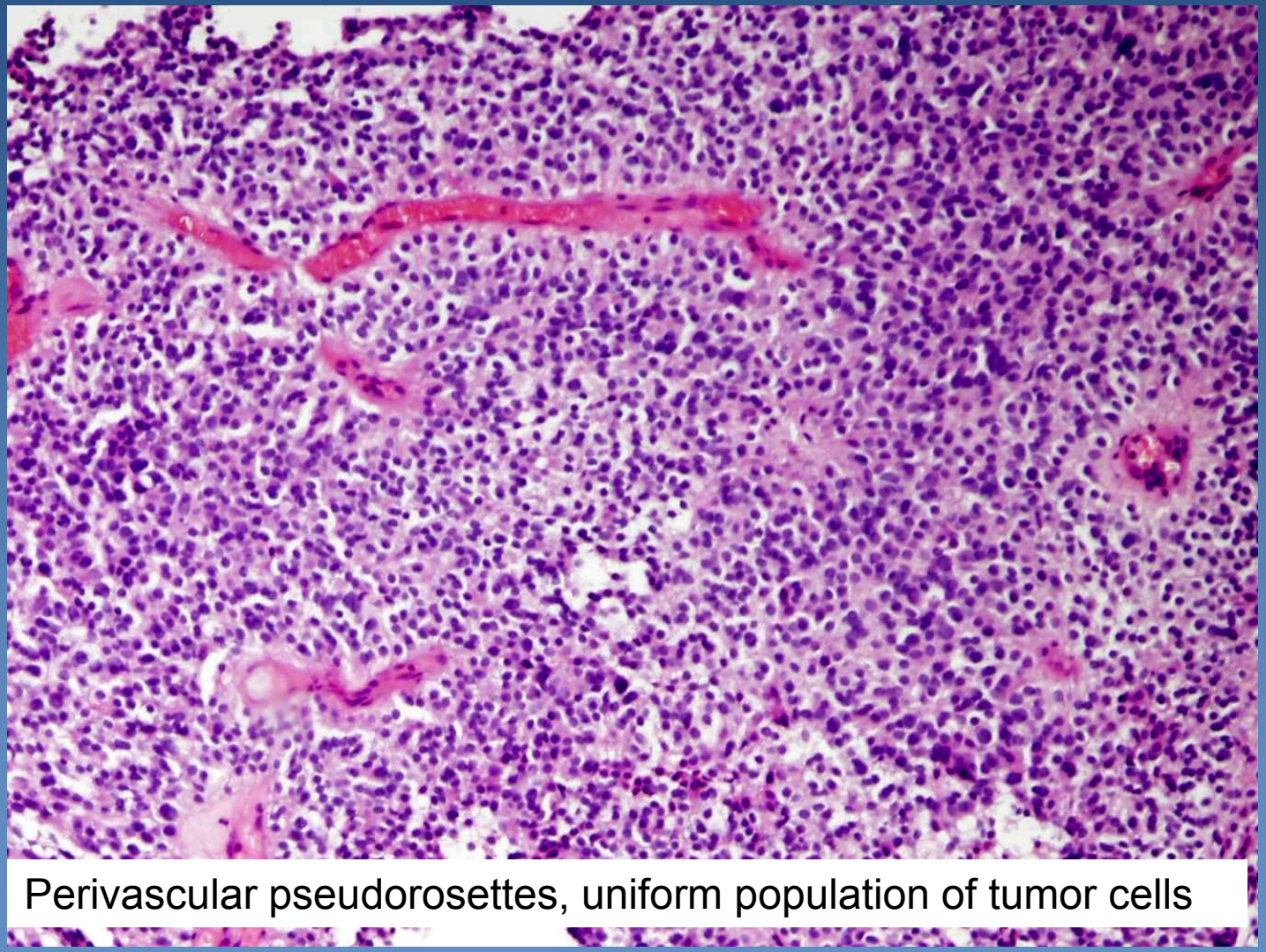
- **Ependymoma** (grade II)
- Anaplastic ependymoma (grade III)
- Myxopapillary ependymoma (grade I)
- Subependymoma (grade I)

Epemdymal tumors
Ependymoma



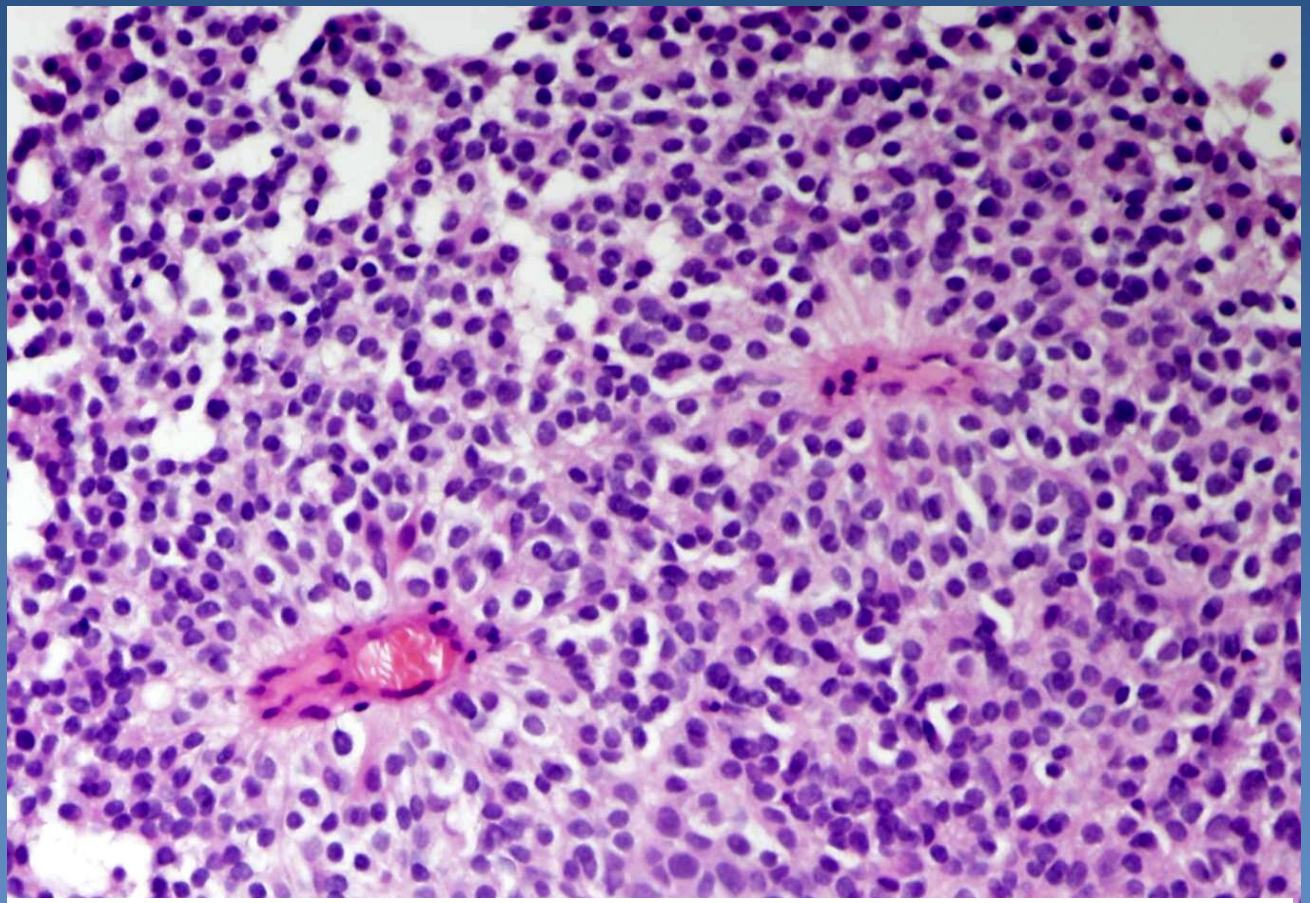
- **grade II (WHO)**
- **in children - usually around IV. vetricle, in adults - spinal cord, with neurofibromatosis type 2**
- **micro:**
  - ⇨ *fusiform cells with long processes,uniform round to oval nuclei*
  - ⇨ *fine fibrillary background*
  - ⇨ *canalicular formations, perivascular pseudorosettes*
  - ⇨ *sporadic or no mitotic figures*

Ependymoma



Perivascular pseudorosettes, uniform population of tumor cells

Ependymoma



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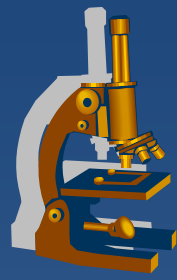
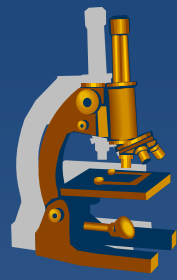
Tumors of the choroid plexus



- Choroid plexus papilloma (grade I)
- Atypical choroid plexus papilloma (grade II)
- Choroid plexus carcinoma (grade III)

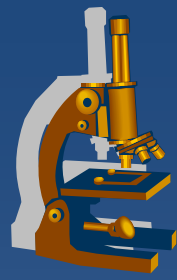
Embryonal tumors



- **Primitive aggressive malignant tumors of childhood**
- **Tumors "of small blue cells" grade IV**
  - ***Medulloblastoma***
  - *Supratentorial primitive neuroectodermal tumor*
  - *Ependymoblastoma*
  - *Retinoblastoma*
  - *…*

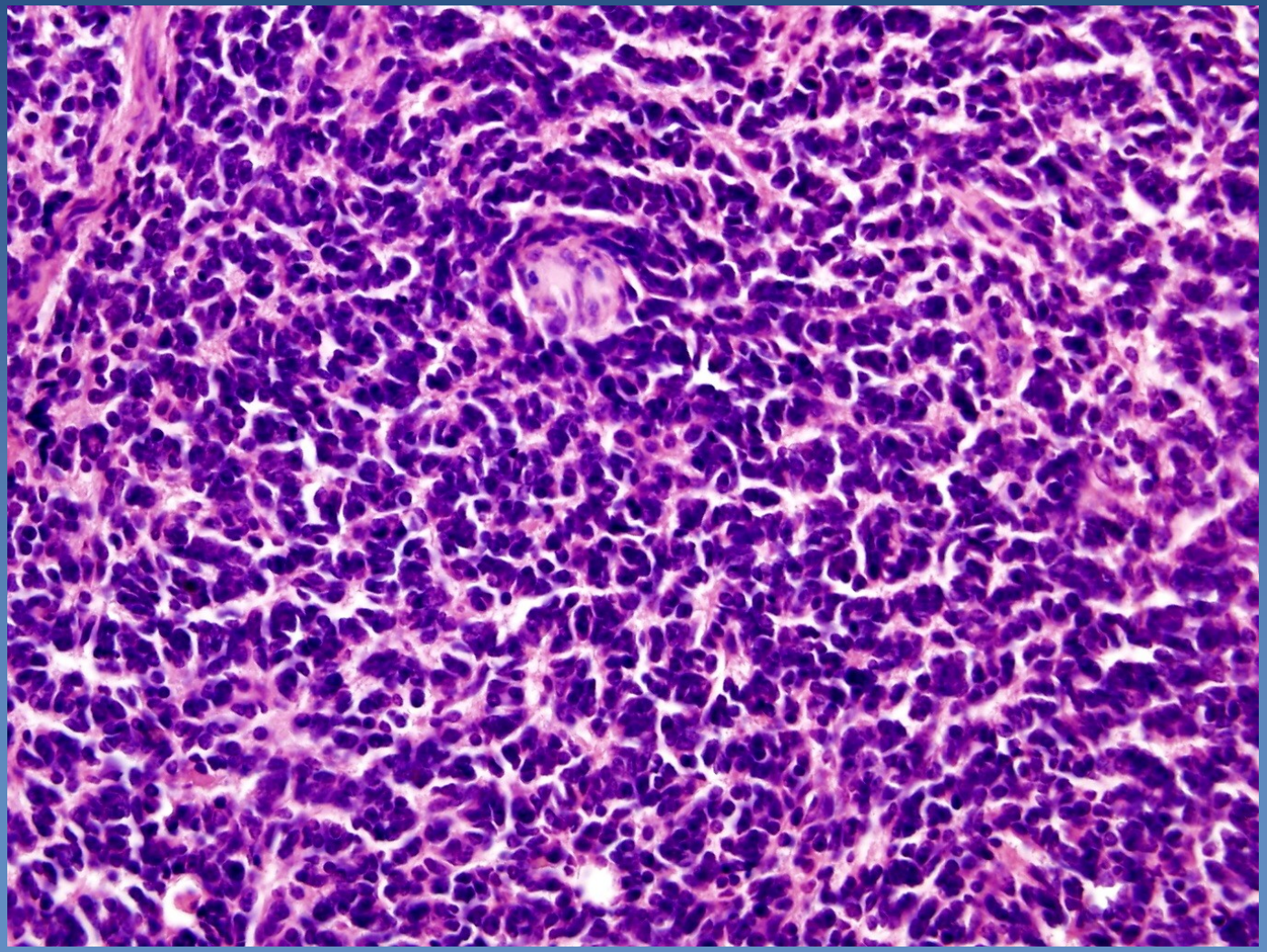
Embryonal tumors

Medulloblastoma



- **grade IV (WHO)**
- **tumor of first two decades of life**
- **highly malignant but radiosensitive**
- **in cerebellum, midline in children**
  - ⇨ *local infiltration, meningeal and CSF spread ⟶ hydrocephalus*
  - ⇨ *gross – focal pink/grey tumor*
- **micro:**
  - ⇨ ***highly cellular***
  - ⇨ ***small hyperchromatic nuclei, carrot-shaped***
  - ⇨ ***neuroblastic Homer-Wright's rosettes***
  - ⇨ ***high mitotic activity***
  - ⇨ ***differentiation to neuronal / other cells possible***

Medulloblastoma



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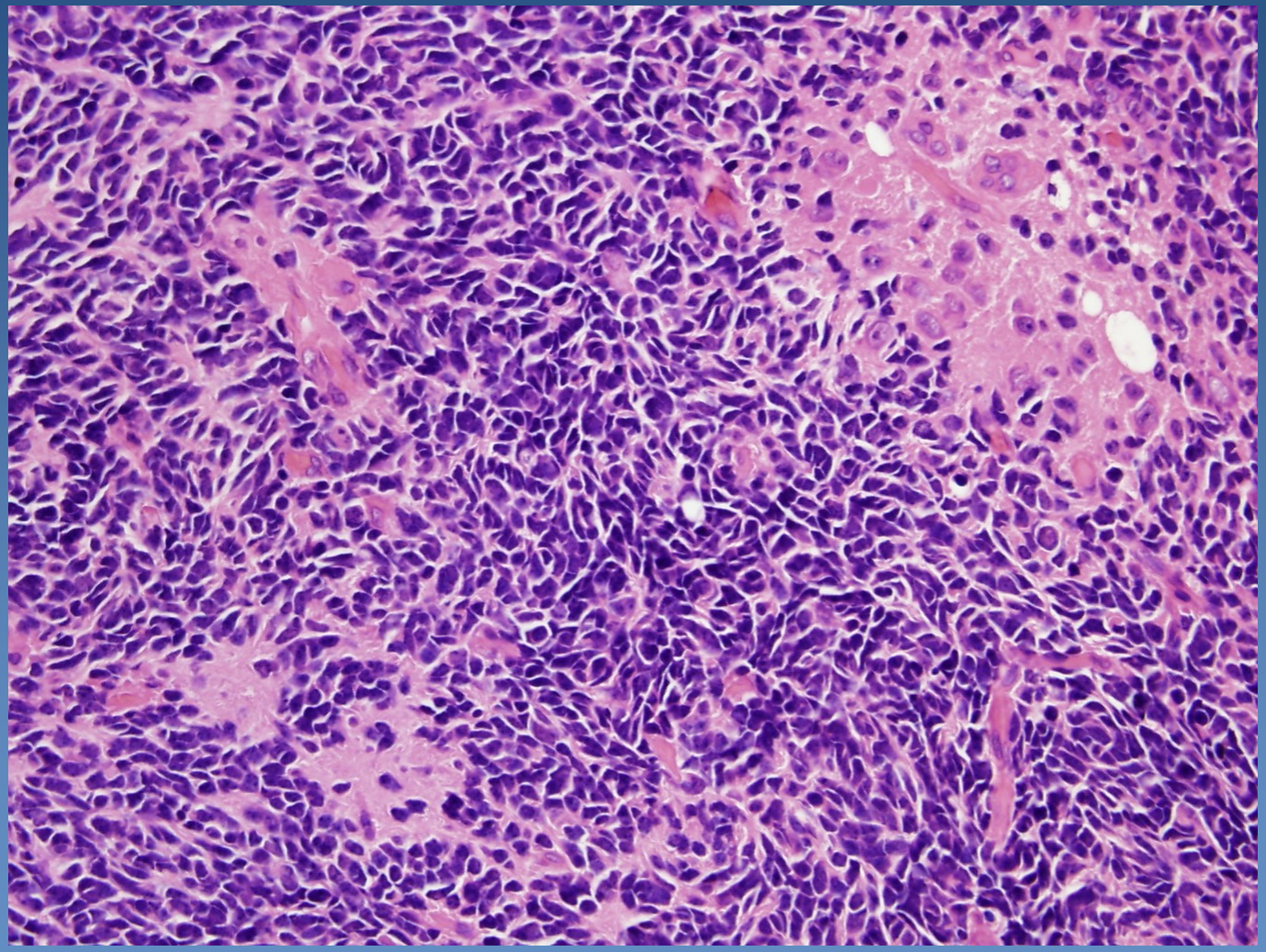
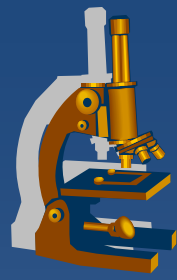
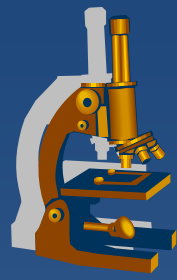


Tumors of the meninges



- **Meningioma (Grade I)**
  - (*Syncytial (+)*
  - *Fibroblastic (+)*
  - *Transitional (+)*
  - *Psammomatous*
  - *Angioblastic*
  - *Microcystic*)
- (Atypical meningioma, chordoid and clear cell (Grade II)
- Rhabdoid, papillary, anaplastic (Grade III)
- + solitary fibrous tumor of meninges, (hemangiopericytoma), sarcomas,….)

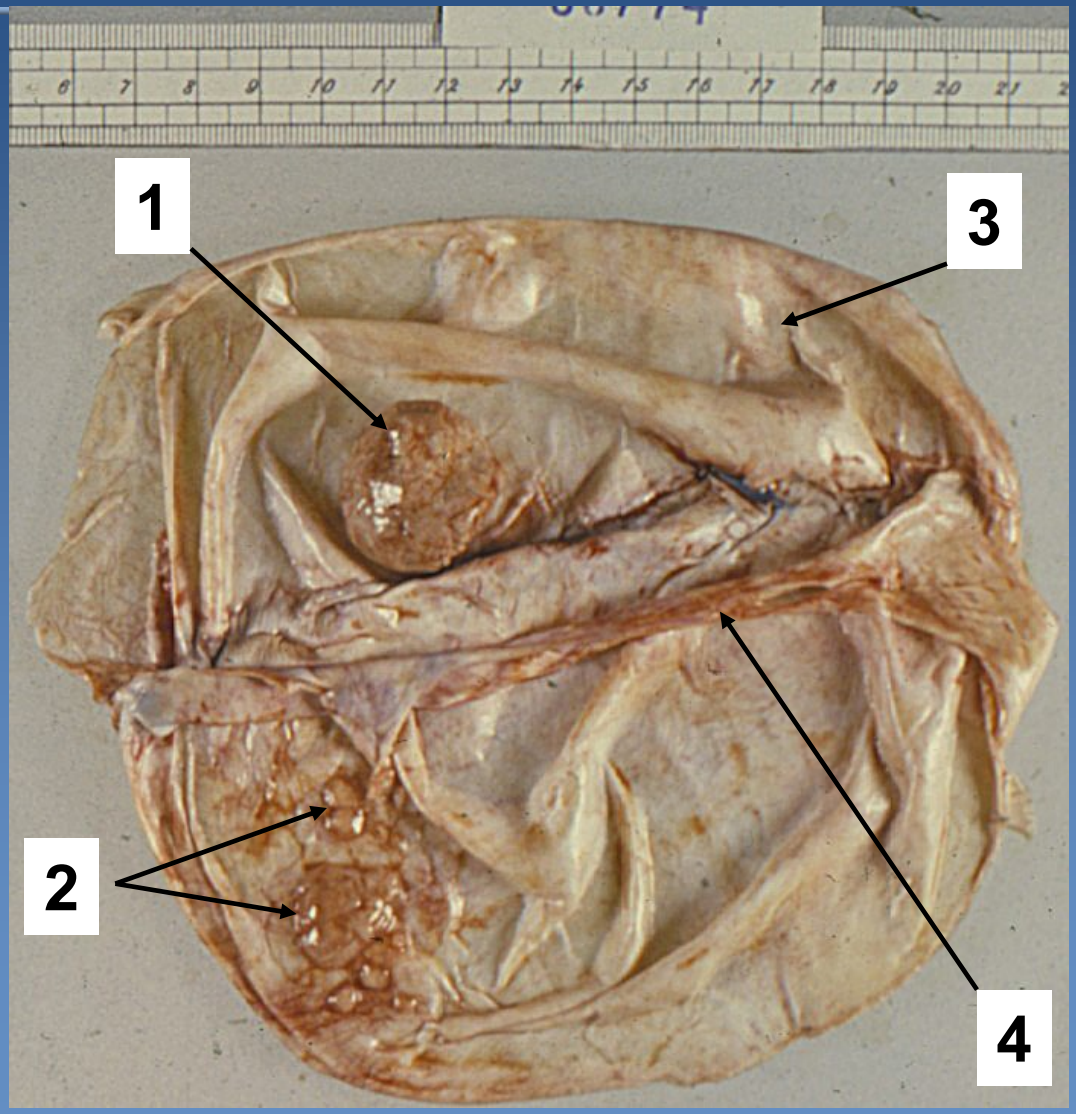
Tumors of the meninges
Meningioma



- **grade I (WHO classification)**
- **usually benign, common (20% of all intracranial tumors), adults**
- **predominantly on the hemispheral convexity**
- **origin from arachnoidal cap cells**
- **gross:**
  - ⇨ *usually solitary , well demarcated, firm, whorl-like pattern on cut surfaces*
  - ⇨ *attached to the dura, cortical compression, rare skull invasion*
- **micro:**
  - ⇨ *highly variable*
  - ⇨ *whorls, bundles*
  - ⇨ *common laminated calcific concretions – psammoma bodies (X-ray)*

Meningioma

1. Lobular meningioma
2. Flat meningiomas
3. Dura mater
4. Falx cerebri



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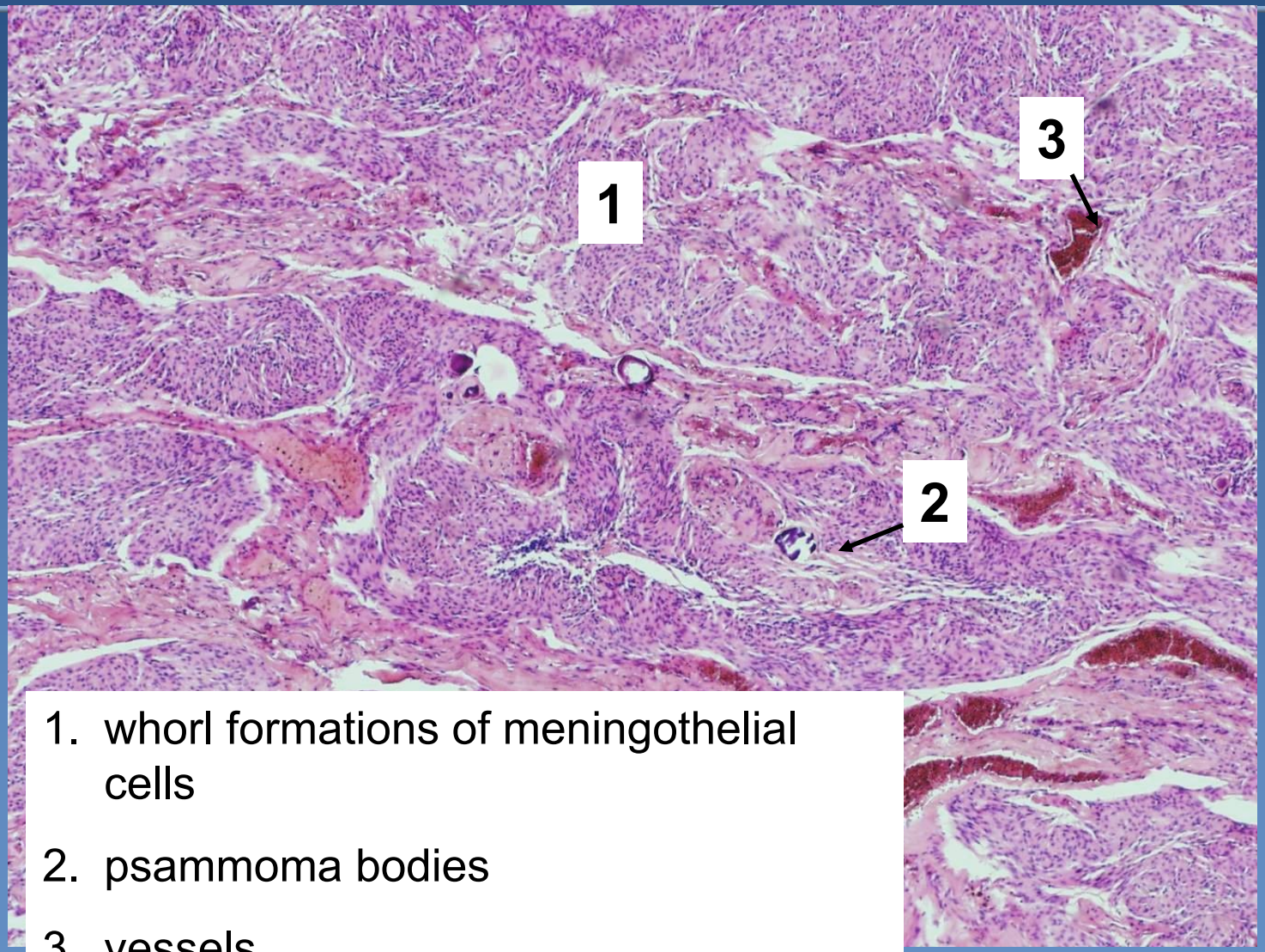
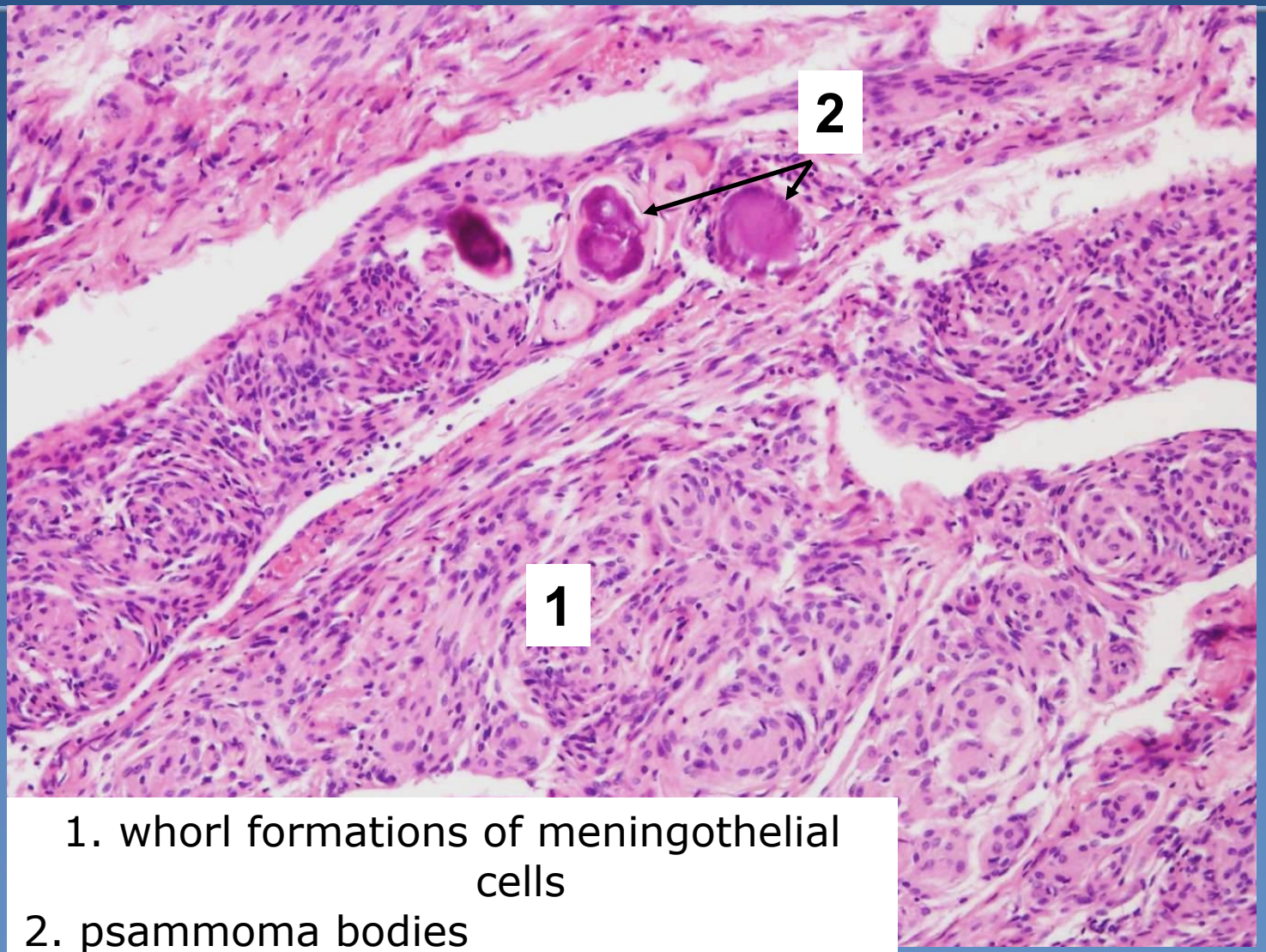


1. whorl formations of meningothelial cells
2. psammoma bodies
3. vessels

Meningioma



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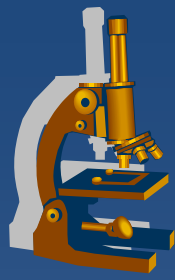
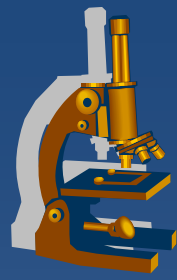


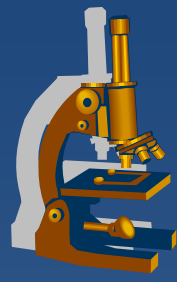
Peripheral nerve sheat tumors

Benign tumors



- **Schwannoma**
- **neurofibroma (solitary; multiple - neurofibromatosis type 1)**
- perineurioma
- neurothecoma
- granulosa cell tumor

Schwannoma

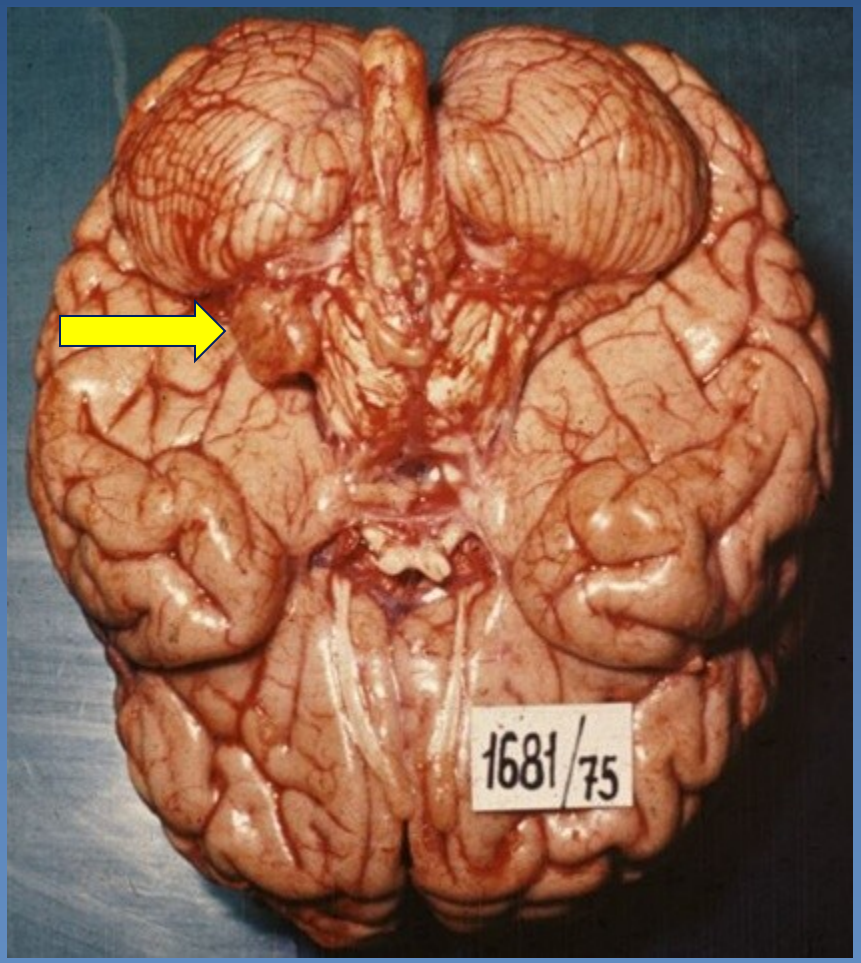


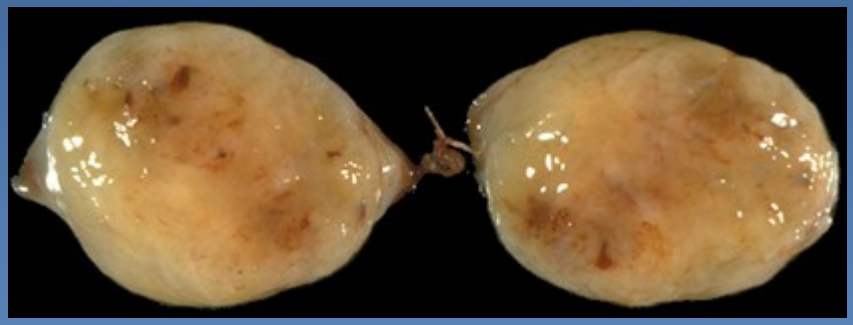
- peripheral myelinisation

- in connection with **peripheral nerve**
- **intracranial - cerebellopontine angle – VIII. nerve „acoustic neuromas**
- **compression (excitation, later loss of function)**

- **gross:**
  - ⇨ *well-circumscribed encapsulated lesion, may be attached to the nerve*
- **micro:**
  - ⇨ ***cellular areas of densely packed spindle cells (Antoni A pattern, Verocay bodies – nuclear palisading)***
  - ⇨ ***intermixed with looser, myxoid regions (Antoni B pattern)***

Schwannoma





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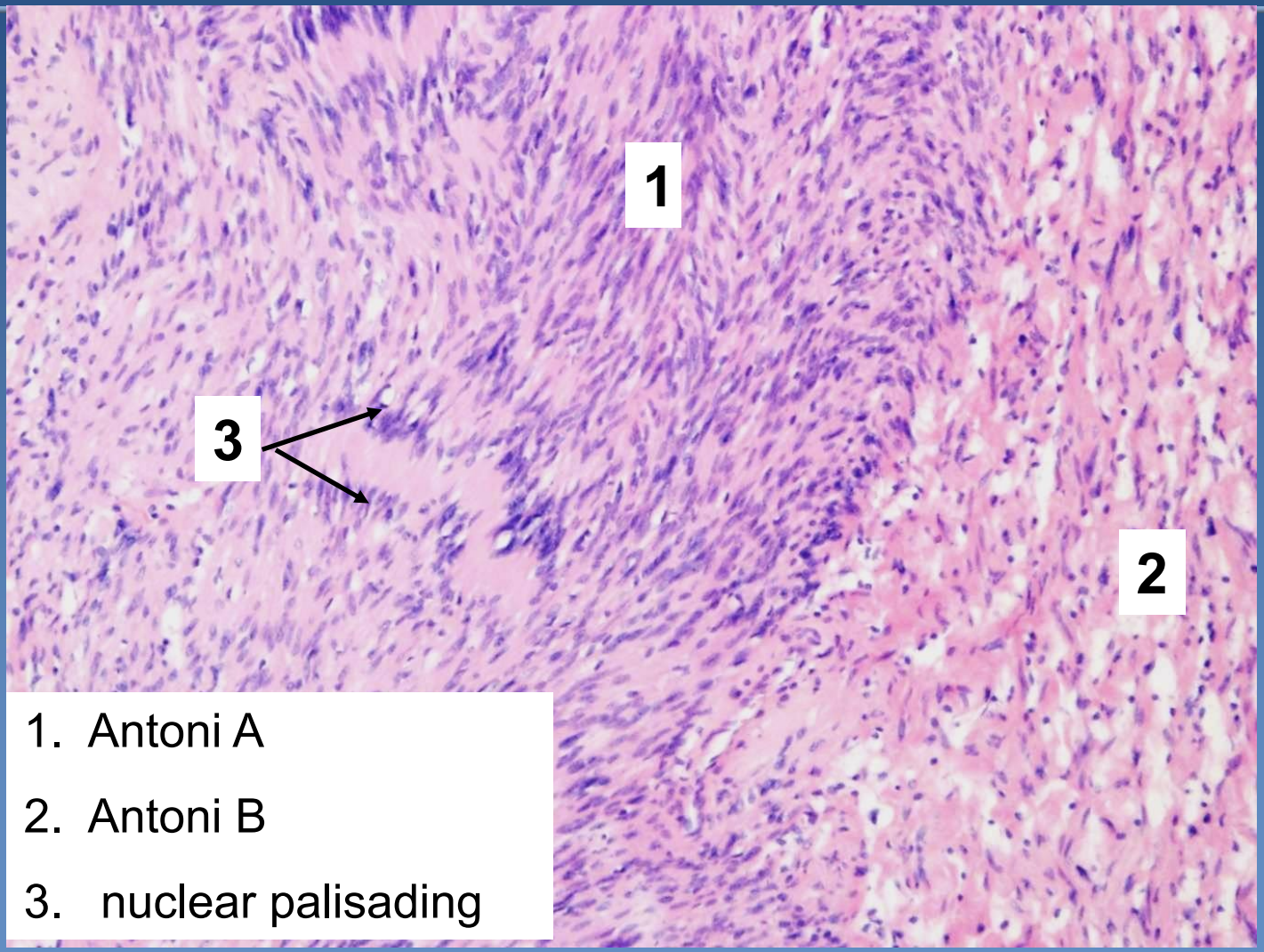

1. Antoni A
2. Antoni B
3. nuclear palisading

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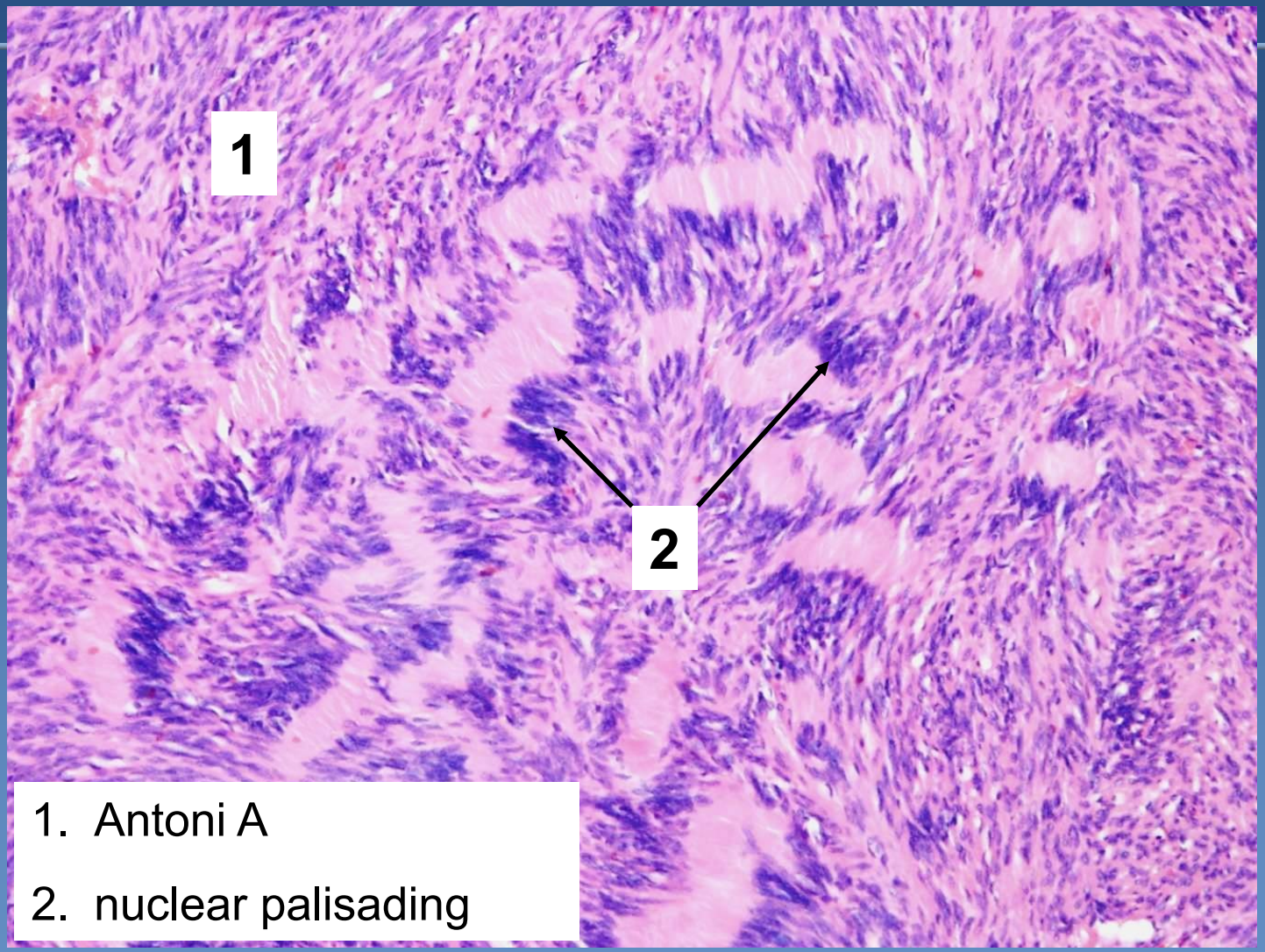
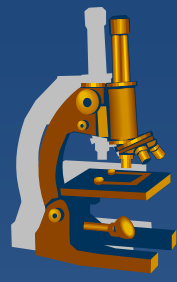


1. Antoni A
2. nuclear palisading

Neurofibroma

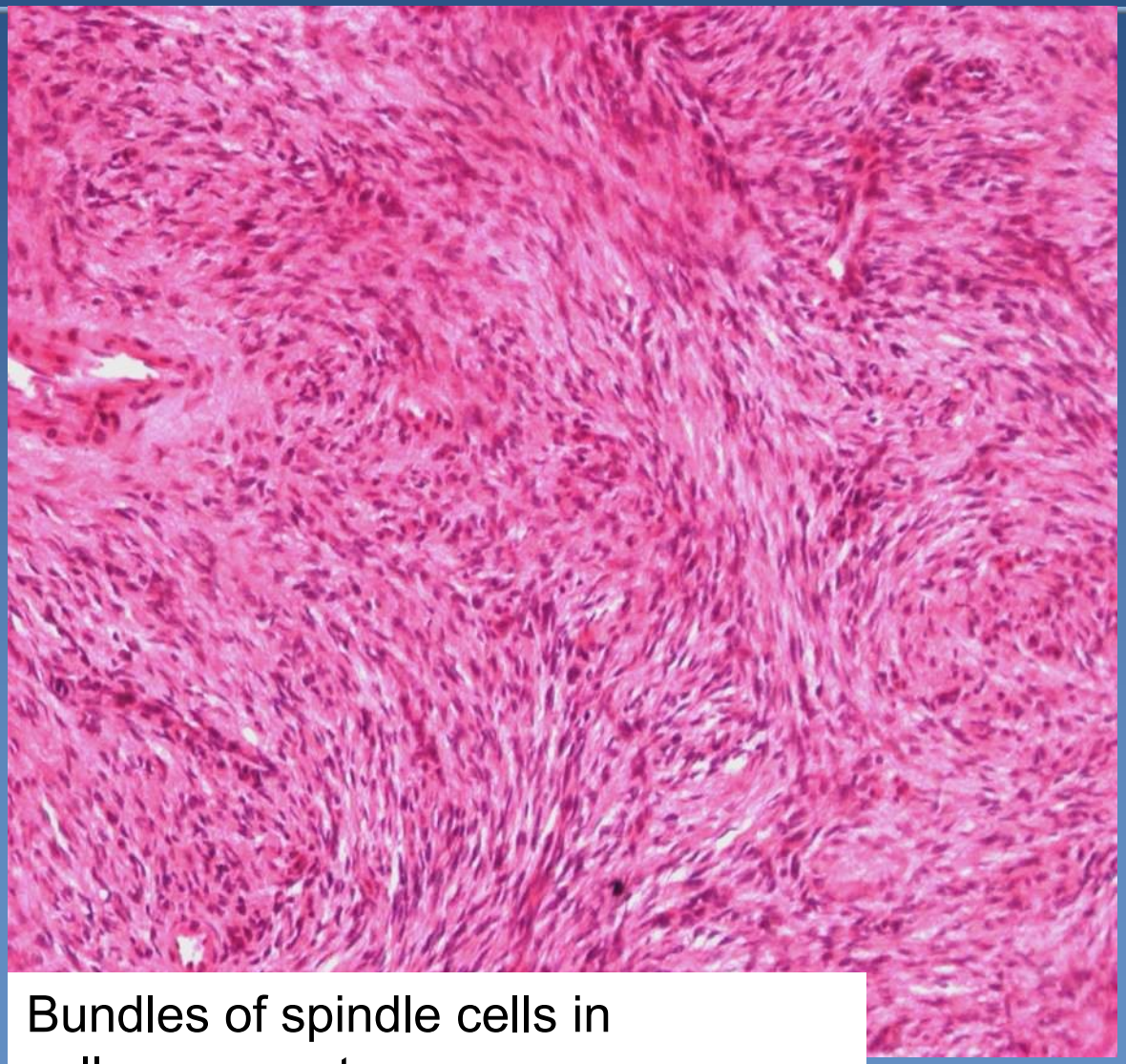


- **peripheral nerve sheath tumor**
- **solitary x multiple (neurofibromatosis I. , II. type)**
- **cutaneous x plexiform** *(along nerves, possible malignant transformation)*

- **gross:**
  - ⇨*unencapsulated soft roundish nodules*

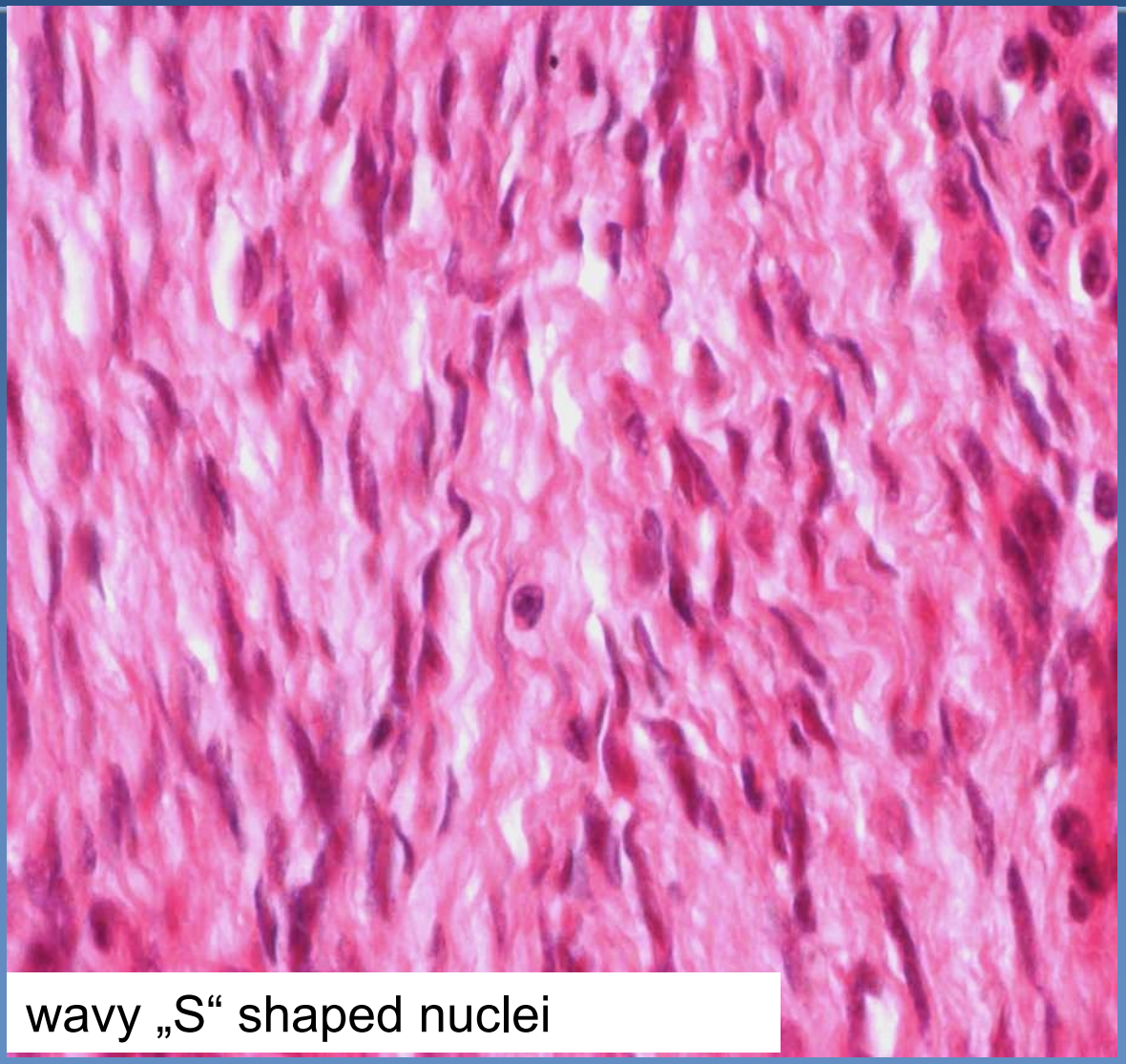
- **micro:**
  - ⇨***spindle cells, „S“ and „C“ shaped***
  - ⇨***extracellular loose myxoid or collagenous matrix***
  - ⇨***sporadic small vascular lumina***

neurofibroma



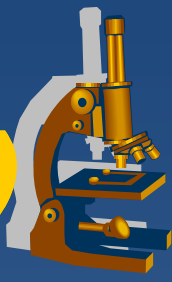
Bundles of spindle cells in collagenous stroma

neurofibroma



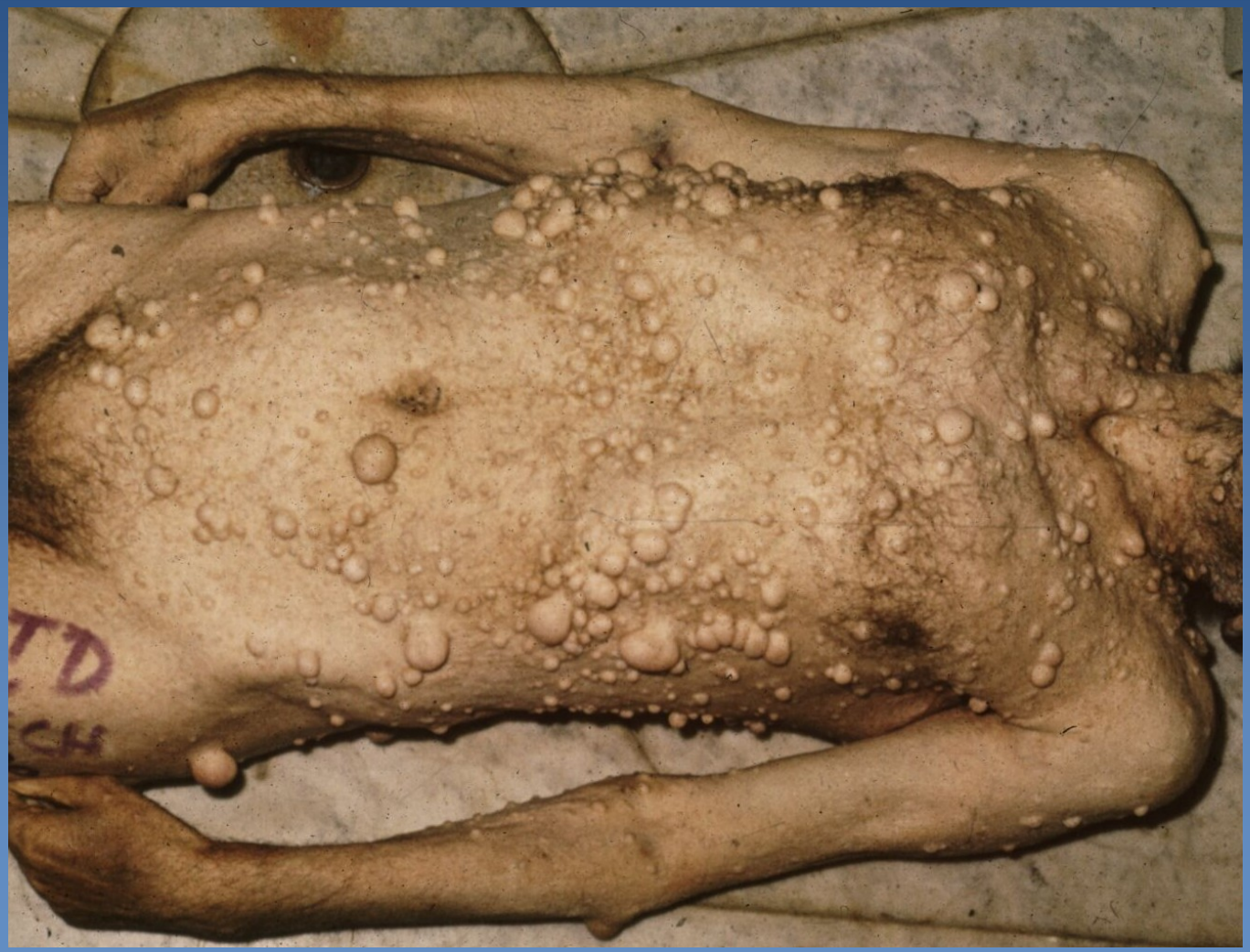
wavy „S“ shaped nuclei

Neurofibromatosis (type I)

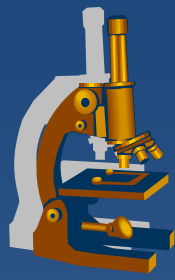


- von Recklinghausen‘s disease
  - ⇨ *AD, frequency 1:3000, chromosome 17, defect of tumor suppressor gene*
- **multiple neurofibromas, mostly on skin ,** in any localisation - retroperitoneum, orbit, tongue, GIT, melanin-containing variants
- **hyperpigmented skin lesions** (café-au-lait spots), **pigmented iris hamartomas** (Lisch nodules)
- **in approx. 3% of patients malignant transformation**
- ↑ **risk of development of other tumors** *(optic gliomas, meningiomas, pheochromocytomas)*

Neurofibromatosis (type I)



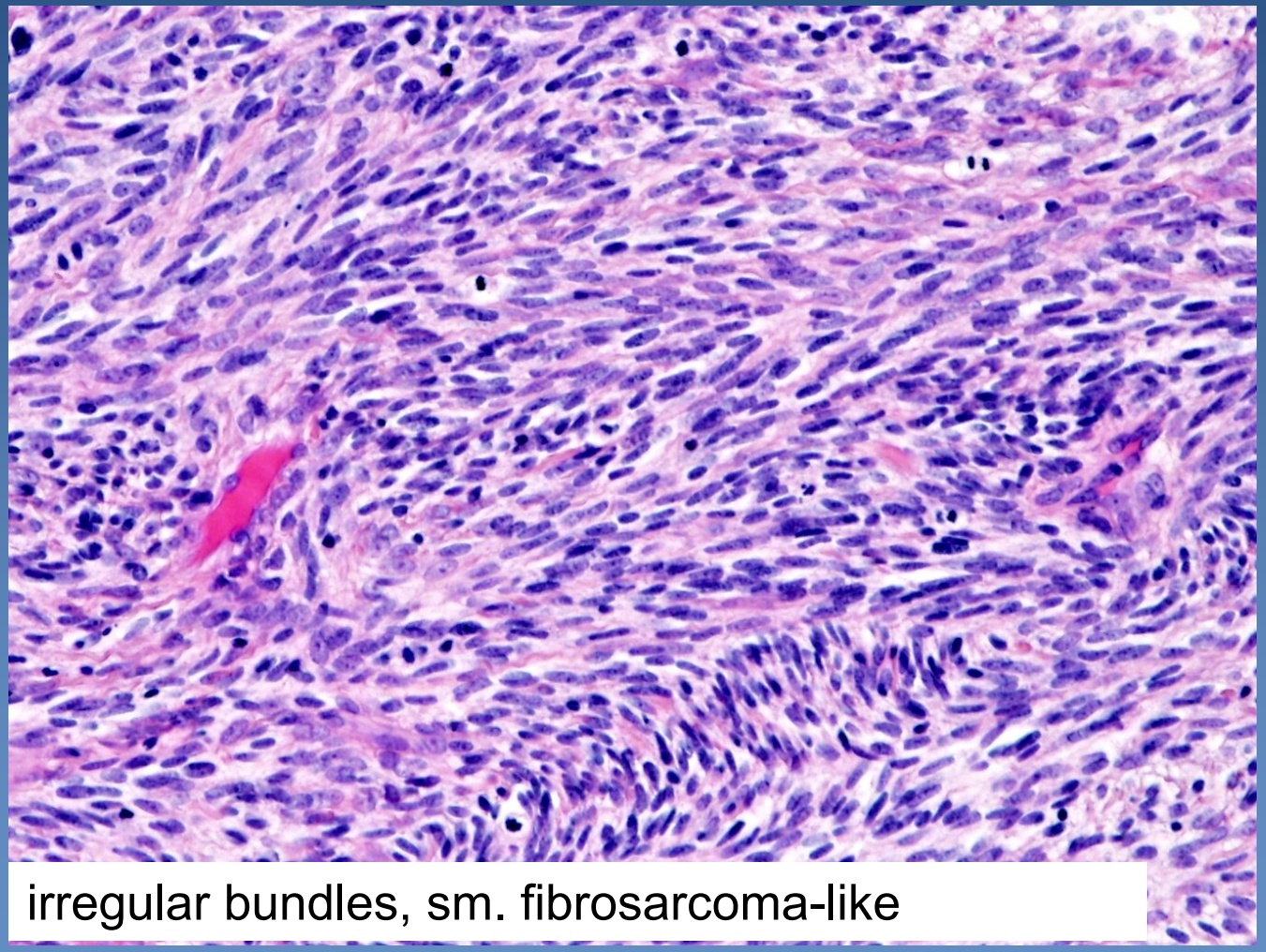
Malignant tumors



- **malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor (MPNST)**
  - *„neurogennic sarcomas“ arising from the peripheral nerve sheath*
  - *50% occur in patients with neurofibromatosis type 1, adults*
  - *agressive, recurrent, metastases (lung, bones)*
  - *gross: foci of necrosis, hemorrhage*
  - *micro: fibroblast-like cells with elongated nuclei, frequent mitotic figures, areas of necrosis*

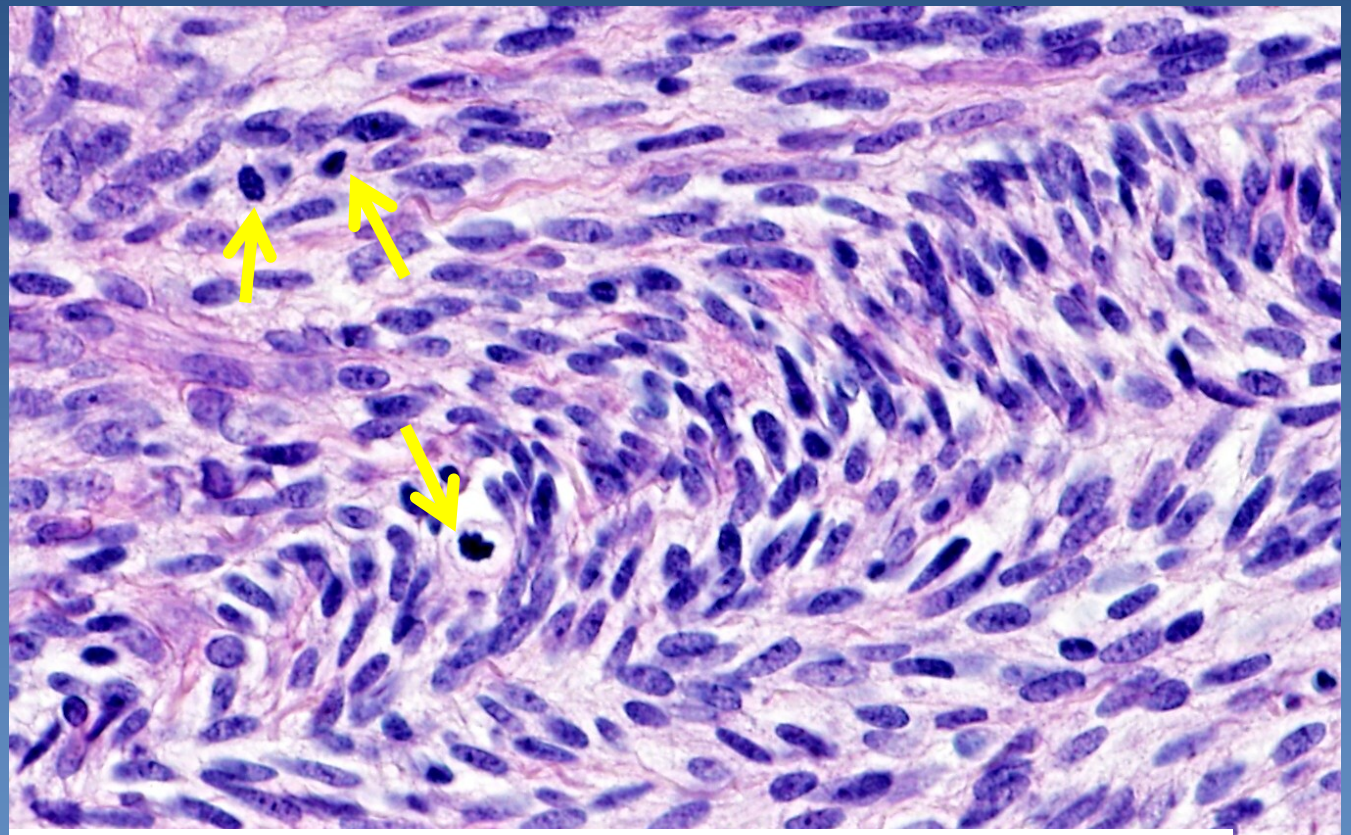
- **primitive neuroectodermal tumors (PNET)**
  - *bone tumor*

MPNST



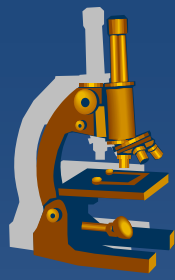
irregular bundles, sm. fibrosarcoma-like

MPNST



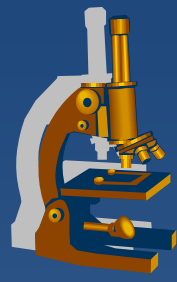
Hyperchromatic nuclei of spindle cells

Mitoses (arrows)



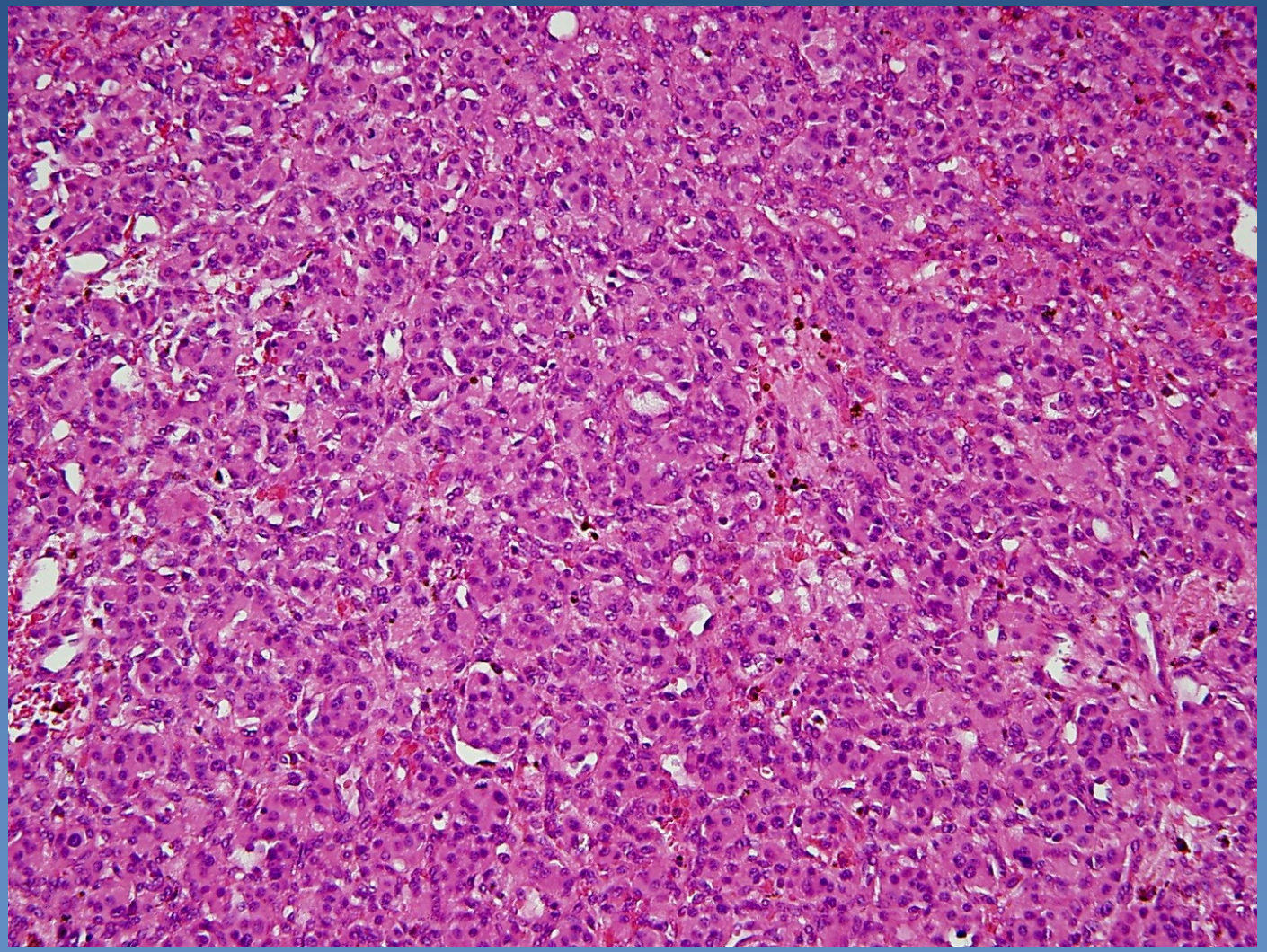
TUMORS OF THE AUTONOMIC NERVOUS SYSTEM

Tumors of the parasympathetic system



- **paraganglioma, chemodectoma**
  - ⇨ ***originate from extraadrenal paraganglia***
    - glomus tympanicum and jugulare, vagal bodies, carotid bodies, laryngeal, aorticopulmonary
      - pressure changes: ↓P_aO_2, ↑P_aCO_2 a ↑pH → reflex stimulation of respiratory and cardiovascular system
  - ⇨ ***micro:***
    - organoid (solid alveolar) formation ofcells:
      - chief cells - polygonal to oval; in distinctive cell nests, „Zellballen“)
      - **supporting (sustentacular) spindle cells**
    - separated by thin fibrovascular stroma

Paraganglioma



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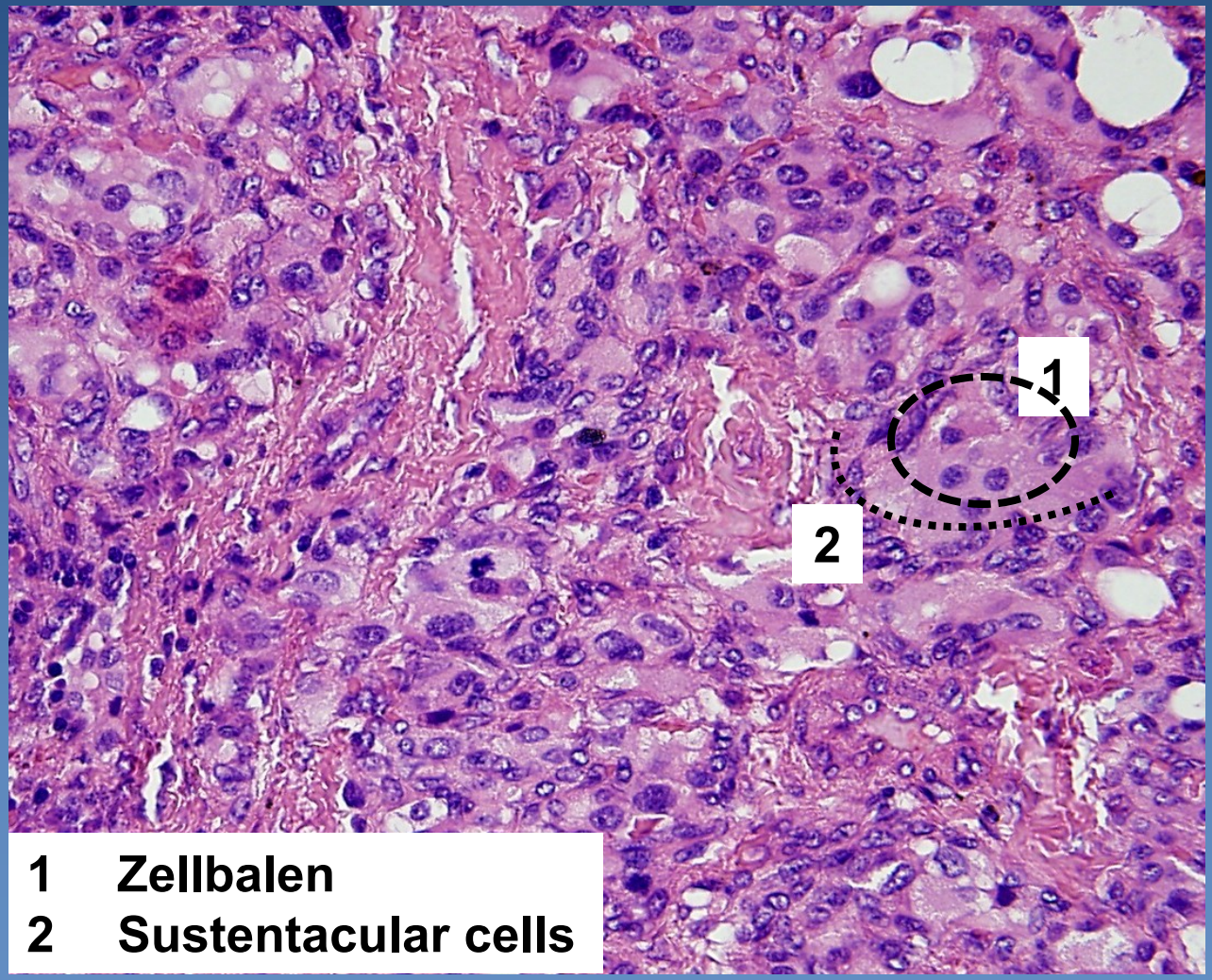
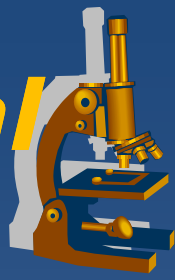
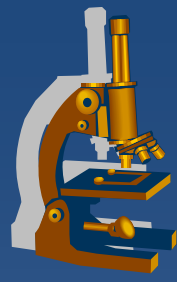


Tumors of the sympatoadrenal system



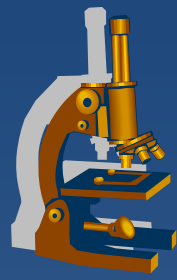
- **Paragangliomas**
- **Pheochromocytoma**
  - ***Adrenal medullary paraganglioma***
  - ***Gross*:, circumscribed lessions, usually confined to the adrenal , yellow-tan (hemorrhage, necrosis)**
  - ***10% associated with familial syndromes (MEN 2A,2B,..), 10% extra-adrenal, in adrenal location 10% bilateral, 10% biologically malignant)***
- **Neuroblastoma → ganglioneuroblastoma→ ganglioneuroma**
  - *spontaneous or chemotherapy-induced maturation*
  - *even regression possible*
  - *variable prognosis, according to age and stage*

Neuroblastoma



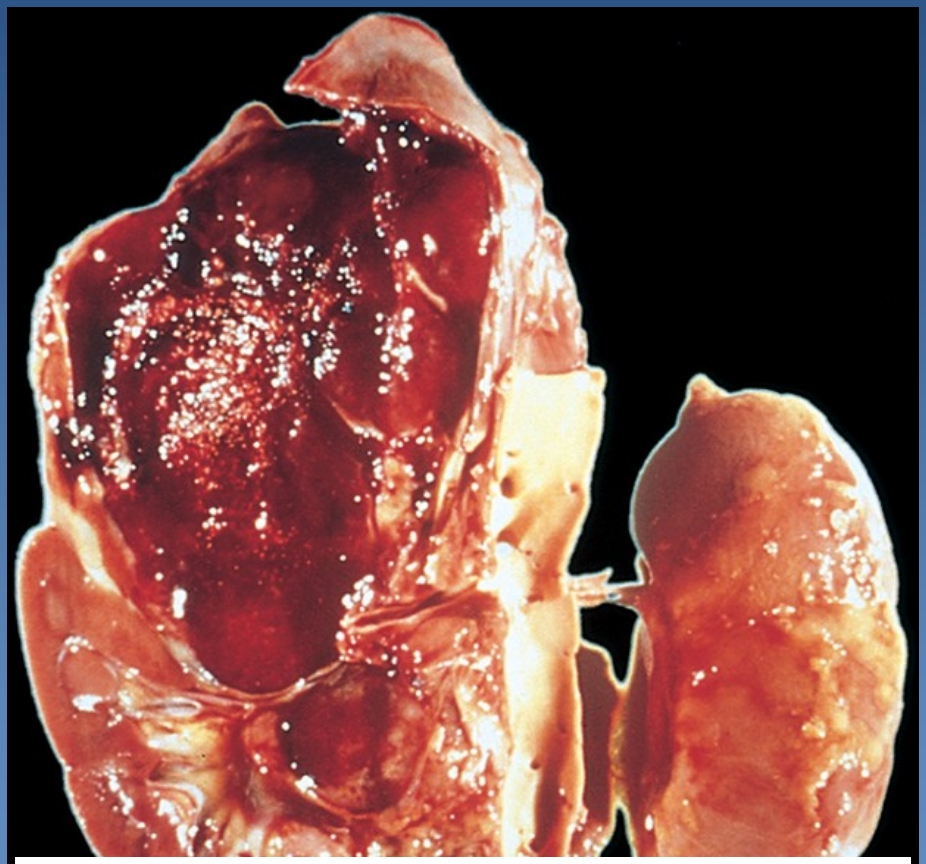
- most common extracranial solid tumor in chidhood
- usually sporadic, 1% germline mutation of ALK (anaplastic lymphoma kinase)-gene
- mostly in adrenal medulla, paravertebral sympathetic ganglia
- large tumors haemorrhagic, necrotic

Neuroblastoma



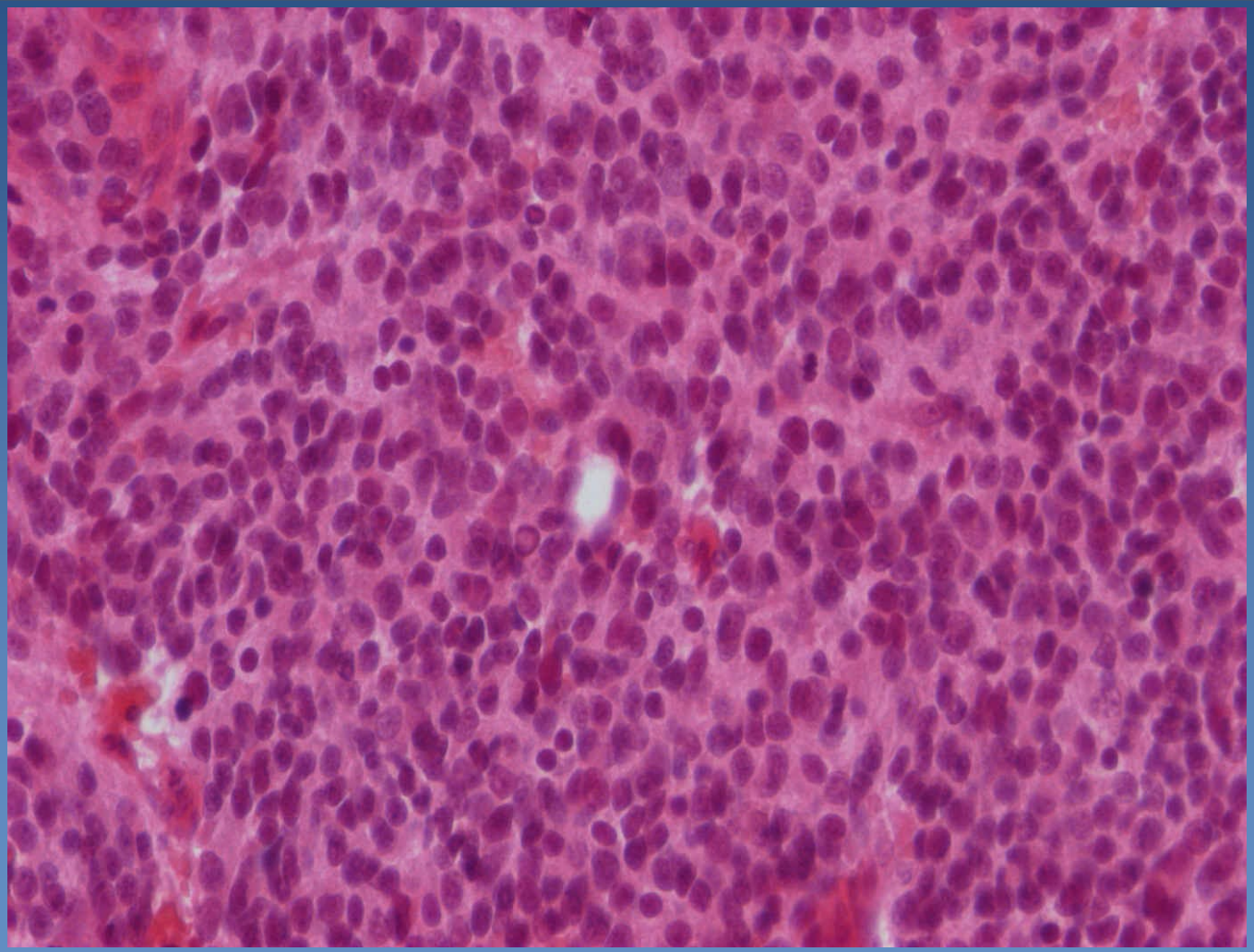
- Micro:
  - ⇨ *small round cells, hyperchromatic nuclei („small blue cells“)*
  - ⇨ *extracellular eosinophilic fibrillary stroma*
  - ⇨ *Homer-Wright rosettes*
  - ⇨ *commonly high mitotic acitivity, caryorrhexis*

Neuroblastoma



Necrotic haemorrhagic adrenal tumor

Neuroblastoma



Neuroblastoma