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Medulloblastoma: Management, Radiogenomics and Chemotherapy

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# History

- *First described by Harvey Cushing and Percival Bailey*
- *At that time this tumor was described variously – sarcoma, neuroblastoma and neurocytoma.*
- *Initially described as “spongioblastoma cerebelli” - a soft, suckable tumor usually arising in the vermis of cerebellum*
- *In 1925, changed name to medulloblastoma – from “medulloblast” - a hypothetical multipotent cell*



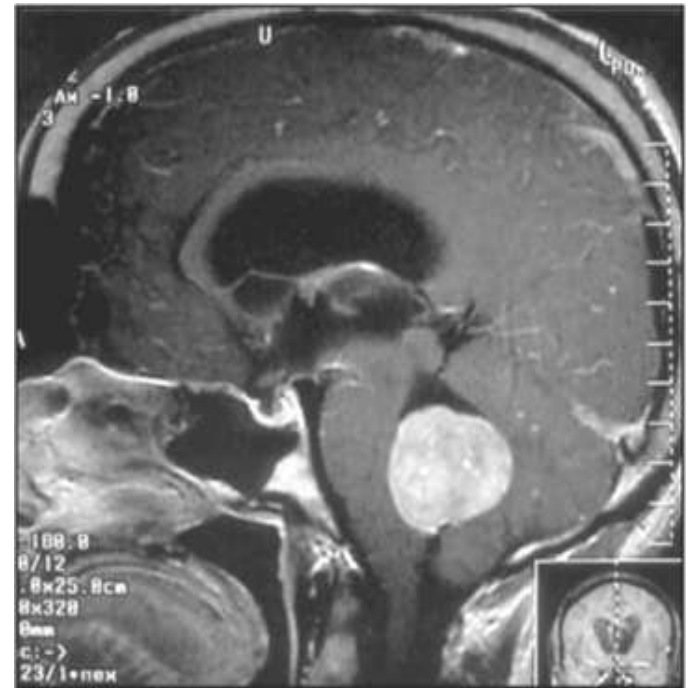
Harvey Cushing



Percival Bailey

# Epidemiology

- Most common 1° CNS neoplasm in childhood (20%).
- cerebellum, predominantly neuronal differentiation (WHO-IV)
- 40% posterior fossa neoplasms
- Young age at presentation.
- Bimodal peak between 3-4 and 8-9yrs median 5-8yrs
- Slight male predominance



*Fig 5. Sagittal T1 weighted MRI after contrast injection showing a midline cerebellar mass with posterior compression of the brain stem.*

# Presentation

Increased intracranial pressure:

headaches, nausea, vomiting

Cerebellar involvement: ataxic gait

In infants: loss of milestones, increased head circumference, head tilt due to CN IV palsy

Clinical exam: papilledema, nystagmus, CN abnormalities (VI most common → "setting sun" sign with downward gaze)

50-75% have <3 months of symptoms

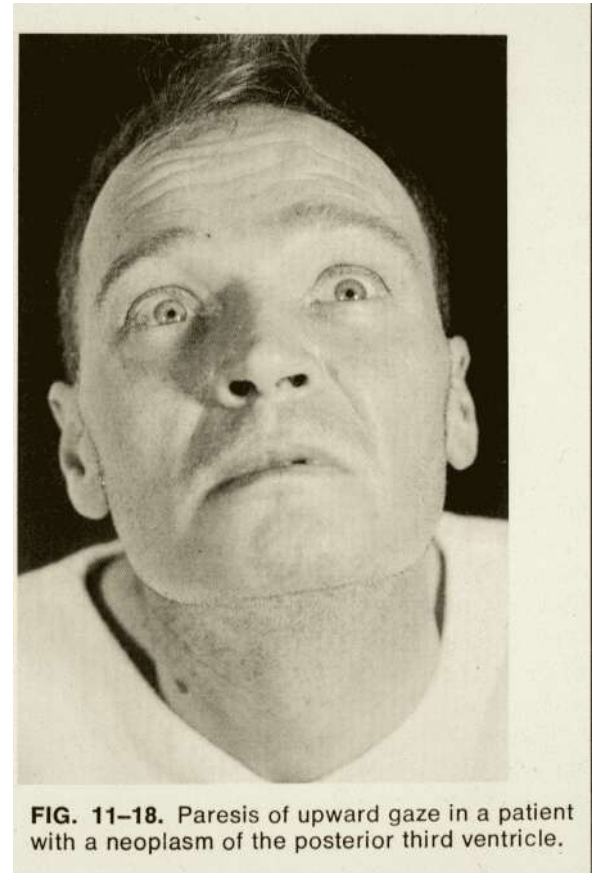


FIG. 11-18. Paresis of upward gaze in a patient with a neoplasm of the posterior third ventricle.

# Natural History

Cerebellar vermis (77%)

Fill 4<sup>th</sup> ventricle

Hydrocephalus above

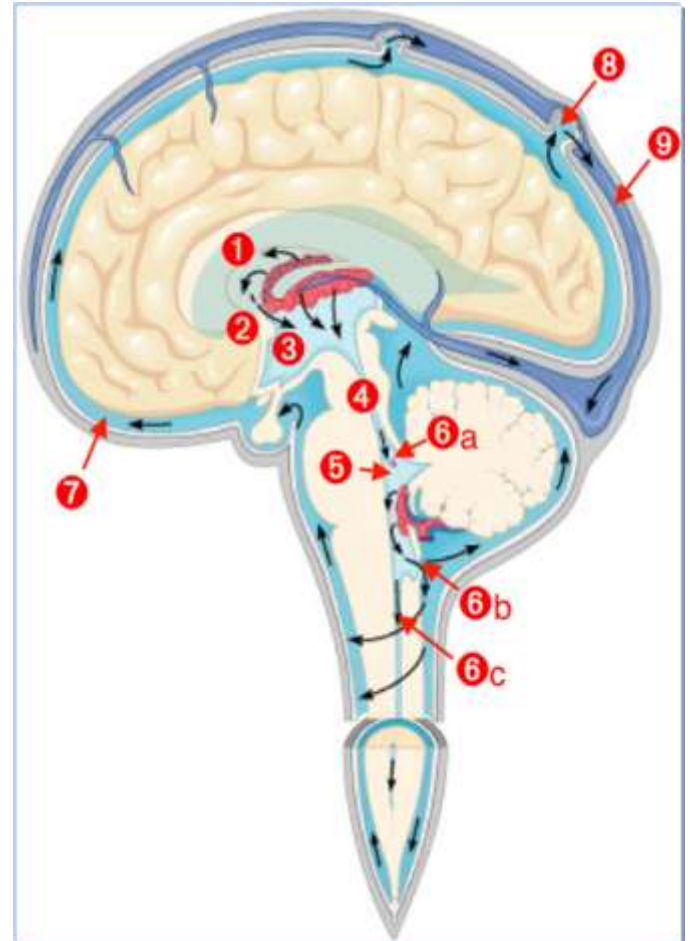
Brain stem (33%)

CSF spread (33%)

Diffuse subarachnoid seeding, nodular  
spinal growth

Extraneural spread (<10%)

bone>lymphnodes>lungs>liver



# Histopathology

Small round blue cell tumor

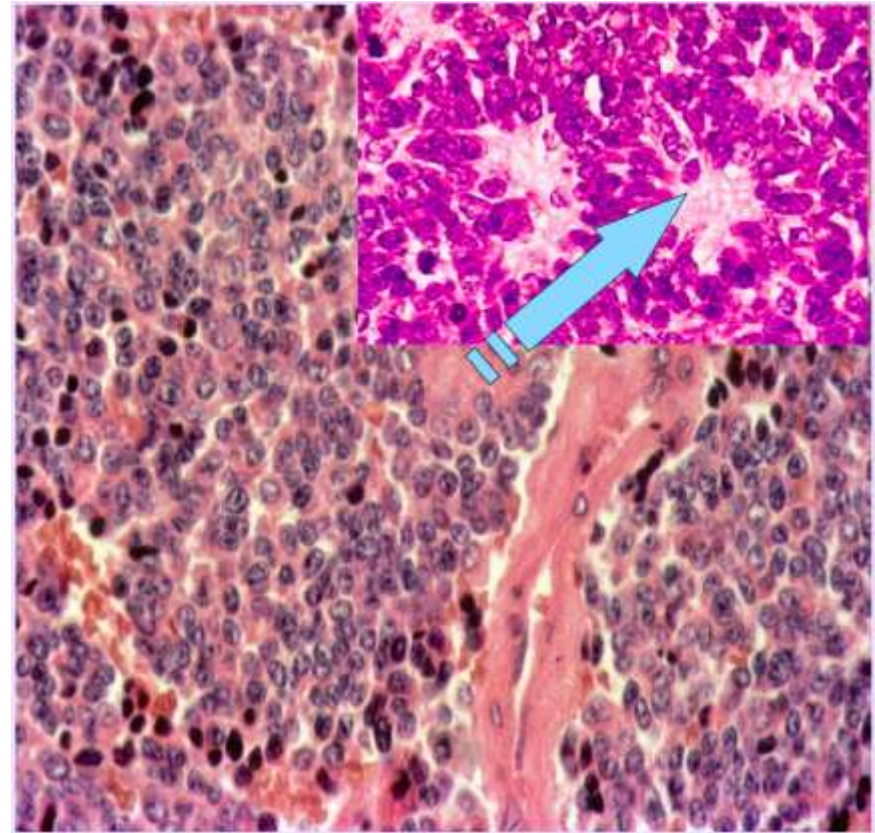
Cell Of Origin: fetal remnant cells  
in the external granular layers  
of the cerebellum

Most common embryonal tumor of  
the CNS (others include  
PNETs, ATRT)

Molecularly distinct from PNETs

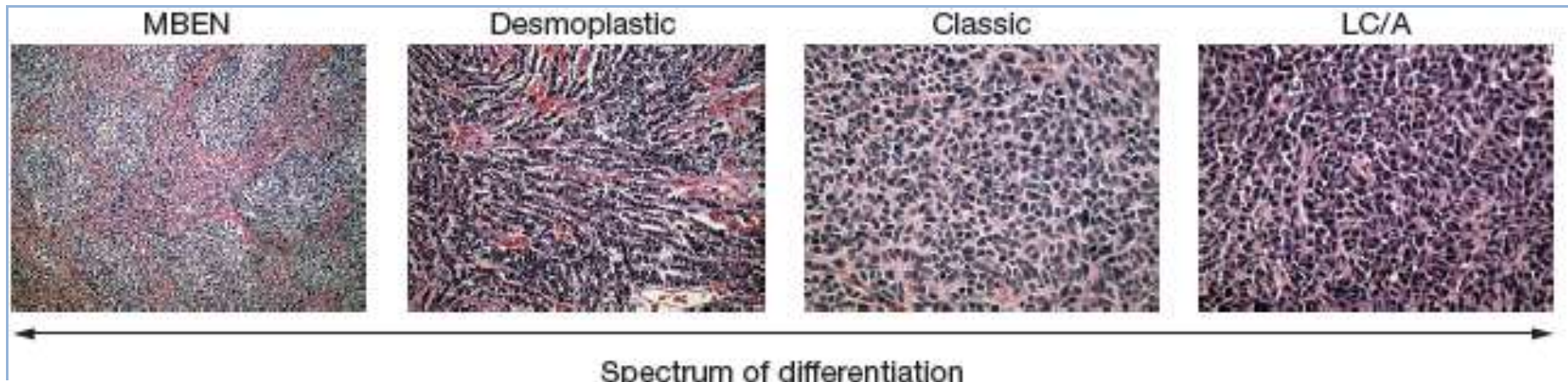
40% have Homer-Wright rosettes

Most stain + for neuron-specific  
enolase, synaptophysin, and  
nestin





# Histological Variants WHO -2007



- 3%
- Infants
- Good prognosis

- 7%
- Adults
- Better prognosis

- 70-80%
- Poor prognosis

- 10-22%
- Aggressive
- Early CSF dissemination
- anaplasia
- Worst
- prognosis

# Molecular Sub grouping

for a better prognostication and refined risk-stratification.

- **Wingless type (WNT) activated**
- **Sonic Hedgehog (SHH) activated**
- **Group 3**
- **Group 4**
- These four molecular sub-groups have different
  - developmental origins
  - phenotypes
  - transcription and genetic profiles,
  - diverse biological behaviour
  - markedly variable prognosis and clinical outcomes



# Molecular Subgroups of Medulloblastoma

## CONSENSUS

Cho (2010)  
Northcott (2010)  
Kool (2008)  
Thompson (2006)

## WNT

C6  
WNT  
A  
B

## SHH

C3  
SHH  
B  
C', D

## Group 3

C1/C5  
Group C  
E  
E, A

## Group 4

C2/C4  
Group D  
C/D  
A, C

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Age Group:   

Gender: ♀ ♂

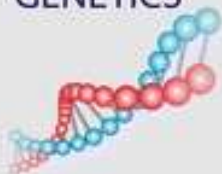
## CLINICAL FEATURES

Histology

Metastasis

Prognosis

## GENETICS



## GENE EXPRESSION



10%



♂ ♂ : ♀ ♀

classic, rarely LCA

rarely M+

very good



CTNNB1 mutation

WNT signaling

MYC +

30%

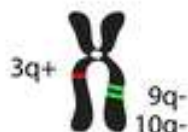


♂ ♂ : ♀ ♀

desmoplastic/nodular,  
classic, LCA

uncommonly M+

infants good, others  
intermediate



PTCH1/SMO/SUFU mutation  
GLI2 amplification  
MYCN amplification

SHH signaling

MYCN +

25%

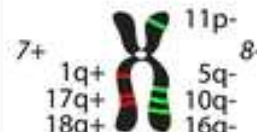


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classic, LCA

very frequently M+

poor



i17q  
MYC amplification

Photoreceptor/GABAergic

MYC +++

35%

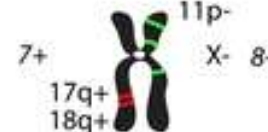


♂ ♂ : ♀

classic, LCA

frequently M+

intermediate



i17q  
CDK6 amplification  
MYCN amplification

Neuronal/Glutamatergic

minimal MYC / MYCN

# WHO 2016 Classification

## Embryonal tumours

Medulloblastoma, **genetically defined**

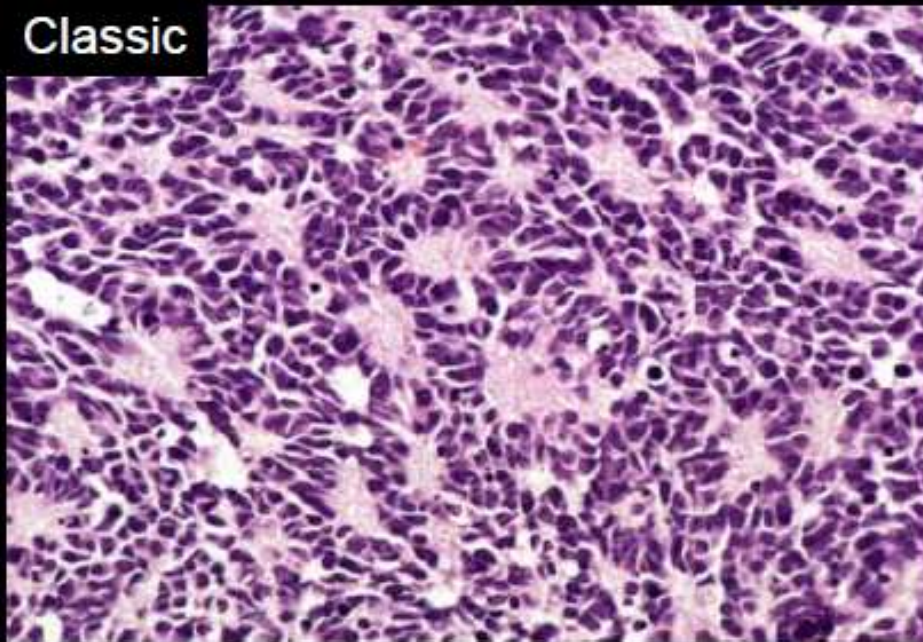
- 1 Medulloblastoma, WNT-activated
- 2 Medulloblastoma, SHH-activated and TP53-mutant
- 3 Medulloblastoma, SHH-activated and TP53-wildtype
- 4 Medulloblastoma, non-WNT/non-SHH  
*Medulloblastoma, group 3*  
*Medulloblastoma, group 4*

Medulloblastoma, **histologically defined**

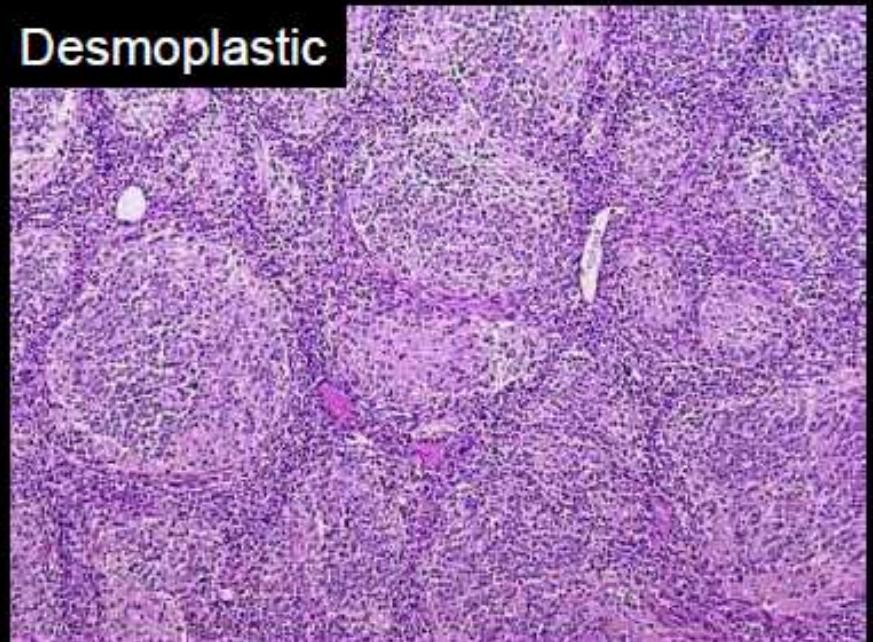
- 1 Medulloblastoma, classic
  - 2 Medulloblastoma, desmoplastic/nodular
  - 3 Medulloblastoma with extensive nodularity
  - 4 Medulloblastoma, large cell/anaplastic
- Medulloblastoma, NOS



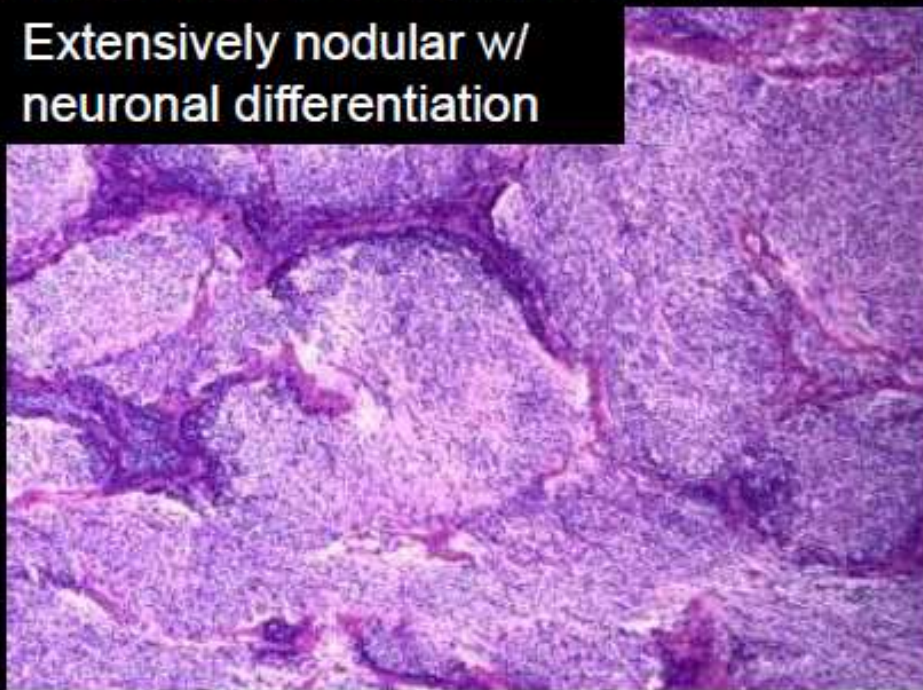
**Classic**



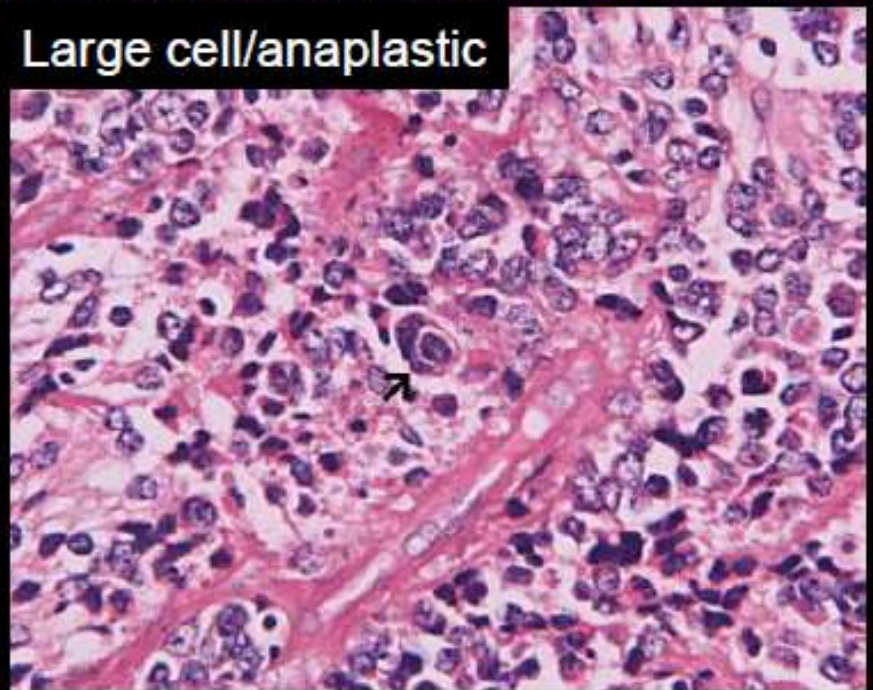
**Desmoplastic**



**Extensively nodular w/  
neuronal differentiation**



**Large cell/anaplastic**



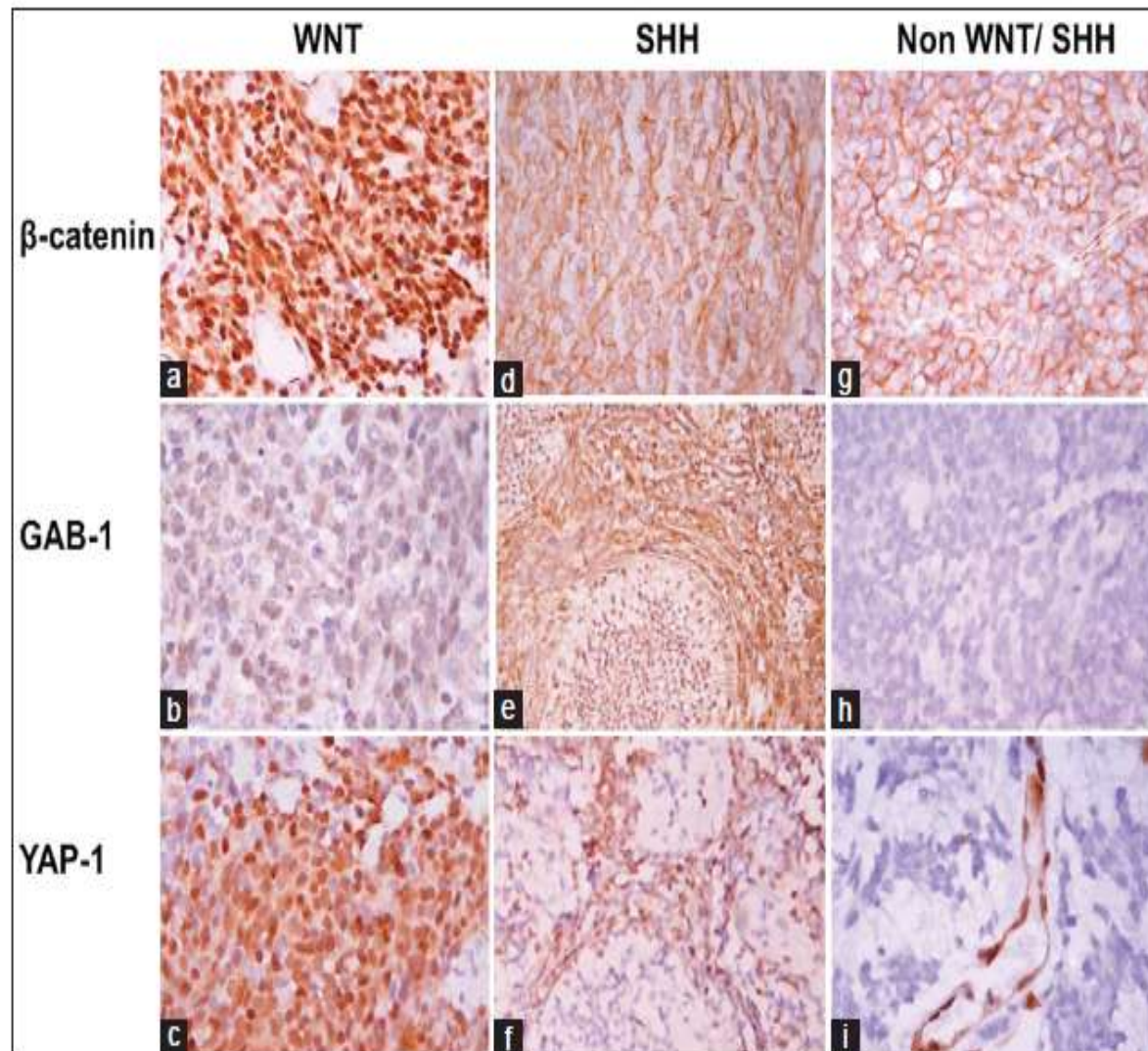


## Integrated diagnosis format ( WHO 2016)

Integrated diagnosis	Medulloblastoma; histological subtype; molecular sub-group; and histologic grade (grade IV)
Histologic diagnosis	Classic, Desmoplastic/Nodular (D/N), Medulloblastoma with Extensive Nodularity (MBEN), or Large-Cell/Anaplastic (LC/A)
WHO grading	Grade IV
Molecular sub-grouping	WNT-activated, SHH-activated (TP53 mutant or wild type), and non-WNT/non-SHH
Genetic alterations (wherever available)	MYC amplification, TP53 status, CTNNB1 mutation, SMO status, PTCH1 status, Isodicentric chromosome 17q, Monosomy 6

Genetic profile	Histology	Prognosis
Medulloblastoma, WNT-activated	Classic  Large cell / anaplastic (very rare)	Low-risk tumour; classic morphology found in almost all WNT-activated tumours  Tumour of uncertain clinicopathological significance
Medulloblastoma, SHH-activated, <i>TP53</i> -mutant	Classic  Large cell / anaplastic  Desmoplastic / nodular (very rare)	Uncommon high-risk tumour  High-risk tumour; prevalent in children aged 7–17 years  Tumour of uncertain clinicopathological significance
Medulloblastoma, SHH-activated, <i>TP53</i> -wildtype	Classic  Large cell / anaplastic  Desmoplastic / nodular  Extensive nodularity	Standard-risk tumour  Tumour of uncertain clinicopathological significance  Low-risk tumour in infants; prevalent in infants and adults  Low-risk tumour of infancy
Medulloblastoma, non-WNT/non-SHH, group 3	Classic  Large cell / anaplastic	Standard-risk tumour  High-risk tumour
Medulloblastoma, non-WNT/non-SHH, group 4	Classic  Large cell / anaplastic (rare)	Standard-risk tumour; classic morphology found in almost all group 4 tumours  Tumour of uncertain clinicopathological significance

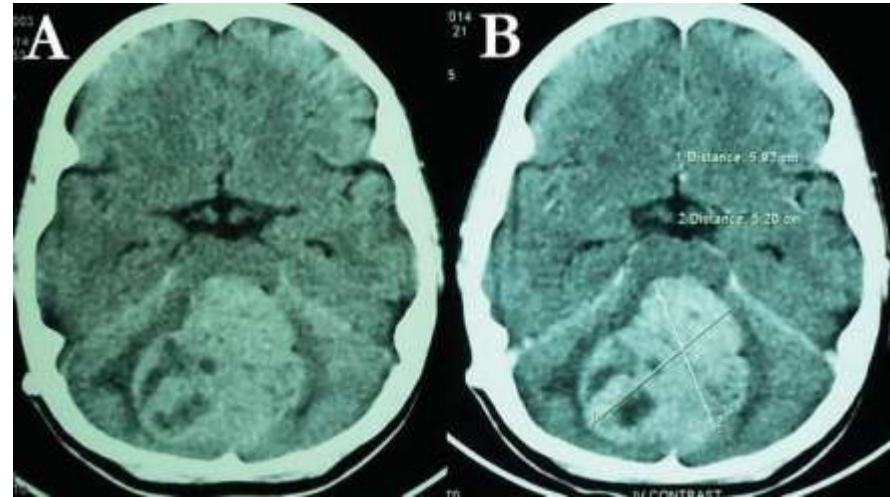




**Figure 3:** Practical approach to rapid molecular sub-grouping of medulloblastoma using a immunohistochemical panel of three markers viz.  $\beta$ -catenin (1:200, BD Transduction Laboratories), GAB1 (1:100, Abcam) and YAP1 (1: 200, Santa Cruz). WNT-medulloblastomas (a-c) are immunopositive for nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin and YAP1, and immunonegative for GAB1; SHH tumors (d-f) demonstrate diffuse strong positivity for GAB1 and YAP1, but lack  $\beta$ -catenin nucleopositivity; while lack of immunopositivity for all the three markers denotes non-WNT/non-SHH medulloblastoma (g-i)

# Neuro – Imaging: CT Brain

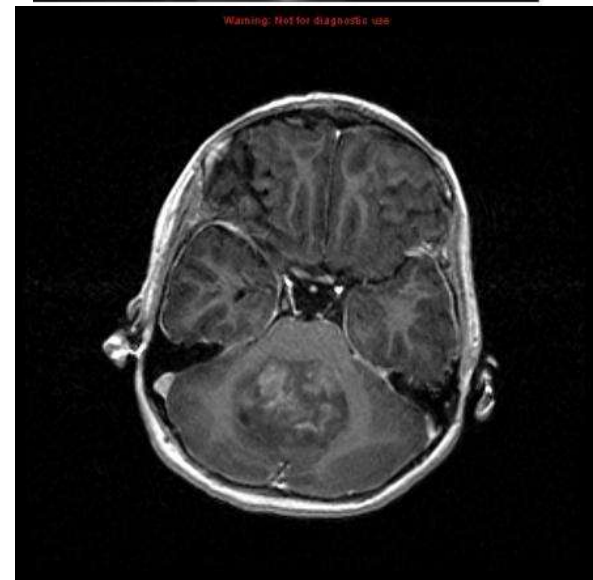
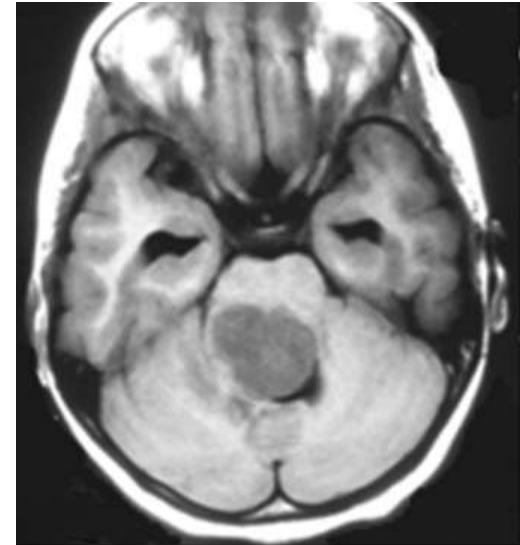
- Hyperattenuated, welldefined vermian cerebellar mass
- Surrounding vasogenic edema
- Evidence of hydrocephalus
- Homogeneous contrast enhancement
- Cyst formation (59% of cases)
- Typically from the vermis – midline, in posterior fossa ; fills fourth ventricle
- Less commonly – in the cerebellar hemisphere, extending to foramen magnum





# Neuro – Imaging: MRI Brain

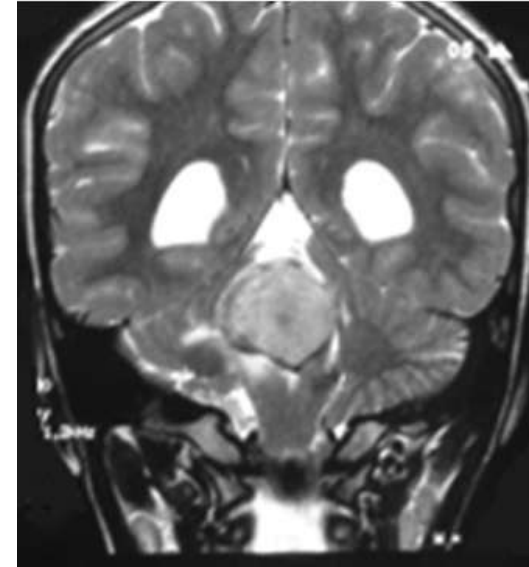
- Iso- to- hypointense relative to white matter (T1 images)
- Enhance following contrast (90%)
- Heterogeneous enhancement.
- Vasogenic edema +



# Neuro – Imaging: MRI Brain

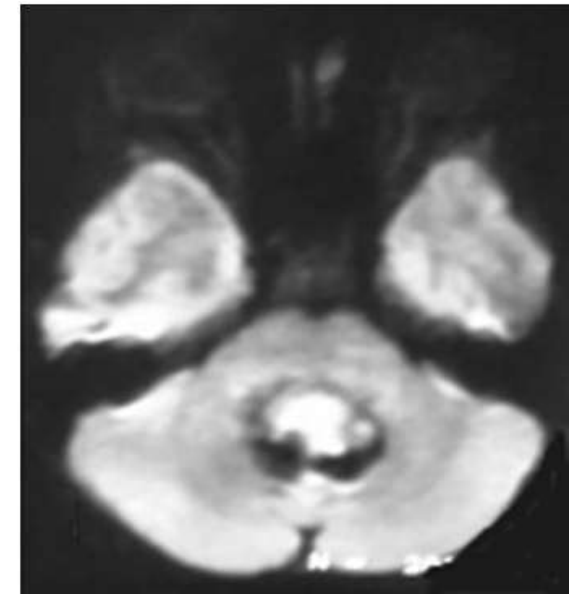
## T2-weighted images :

- densely cellular component of the tumor being hypointense
- the less cellular areas being iso- to hyperintense
- Intra-tumoral or peri-tumoral cysts, if any, appear hyperintense,
- calcification generally exhibits a low signal on T2-weighted sequences



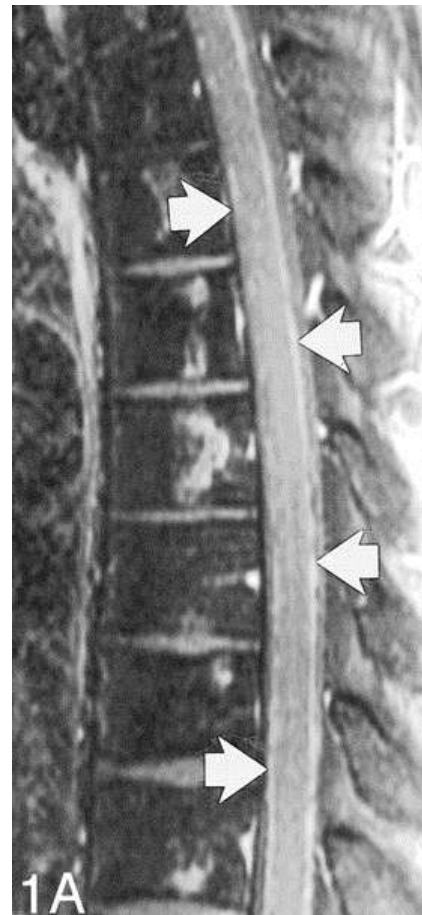
## DIFFUSION WEIGHTED IMAGES

- densely packed cells within the tumor,
- restriction of diffusion : low apparent diffusion coefficient (ADC) values



# Neuro – Imaging: MRI Spine

- Most metastases are found along the posterior margin of the spinal cord –
- CSF flow from cisterna magna to posterior margin of spinal cord
- **Sagittal fat-suppressed post-contrast MRI** of the spine is strongly recommended in the pre-operative setting as a screening tool to rule out any leptomeningeal metastases.



# Radiogenomics

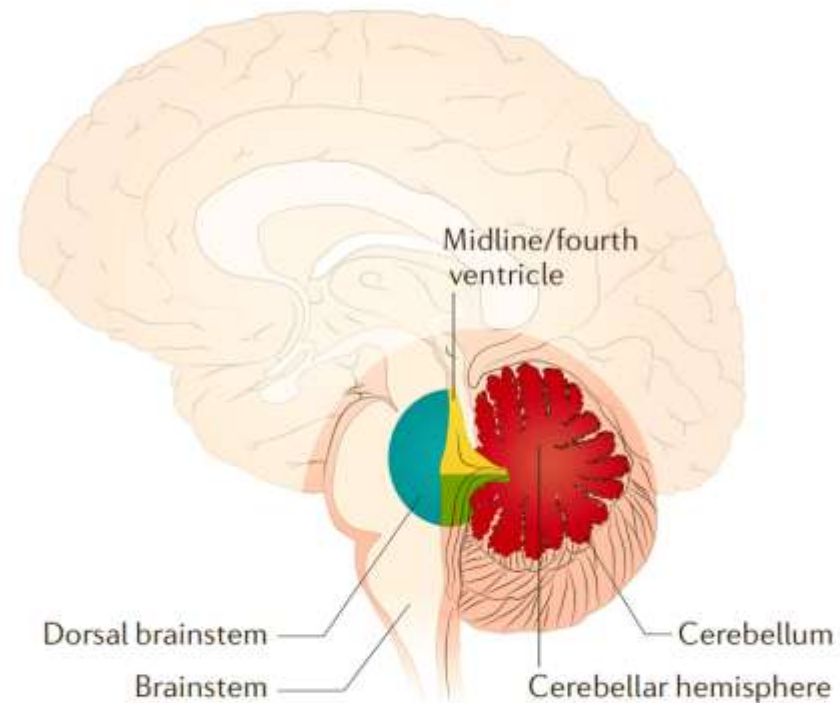
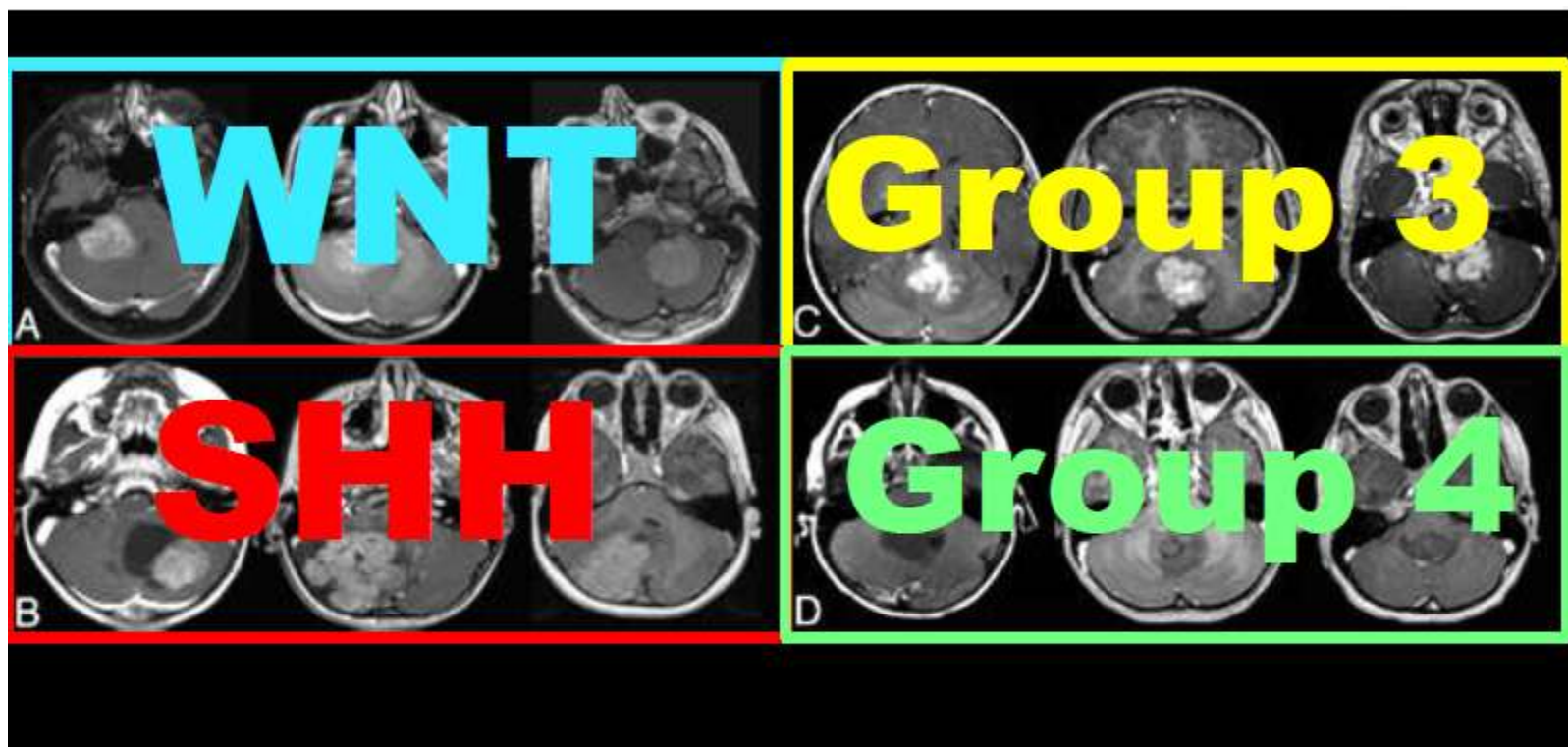
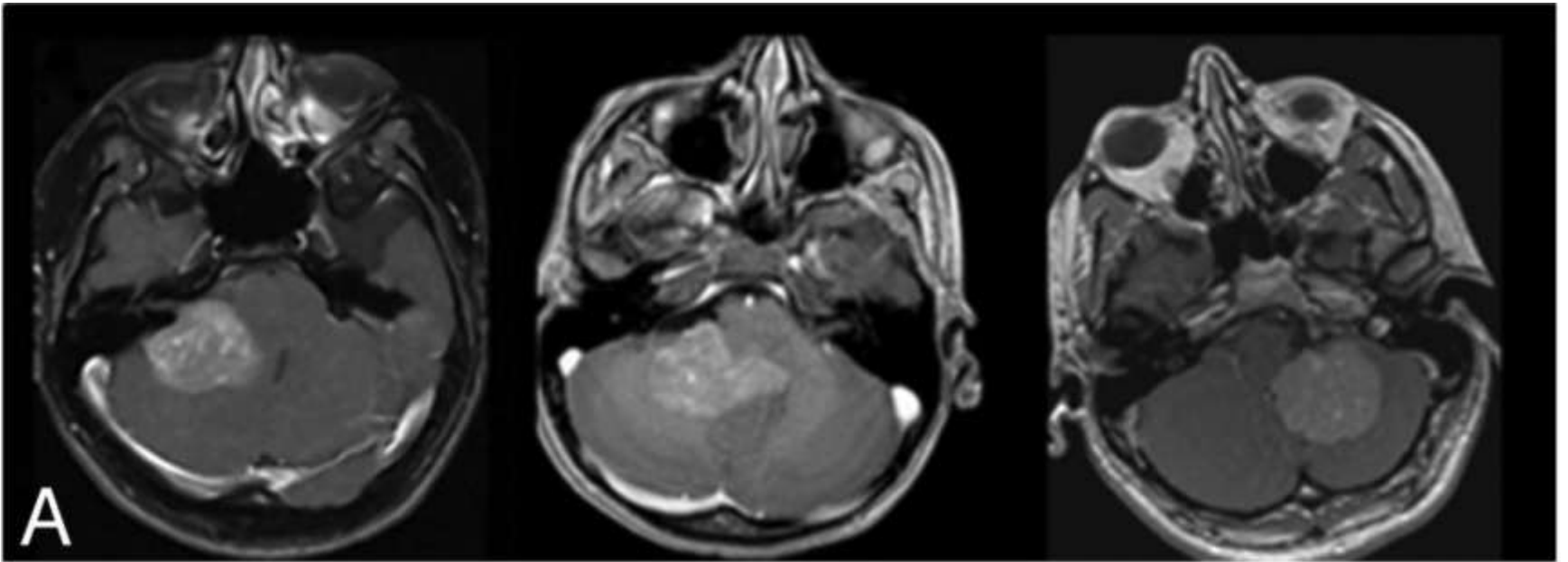


Fig. 1 | **Location of MB.** Sagittal section of the cerebellum and brainstem, with common diagnostic locations of medulloblastoma (MB) indicated on the basis of MRI. MB locations have been colour-coded according to prominent diagnostic locations observed for individual consensus subgroups: WNT (blue); SHH (red); Group 3 (yellow); Group 4 (green).

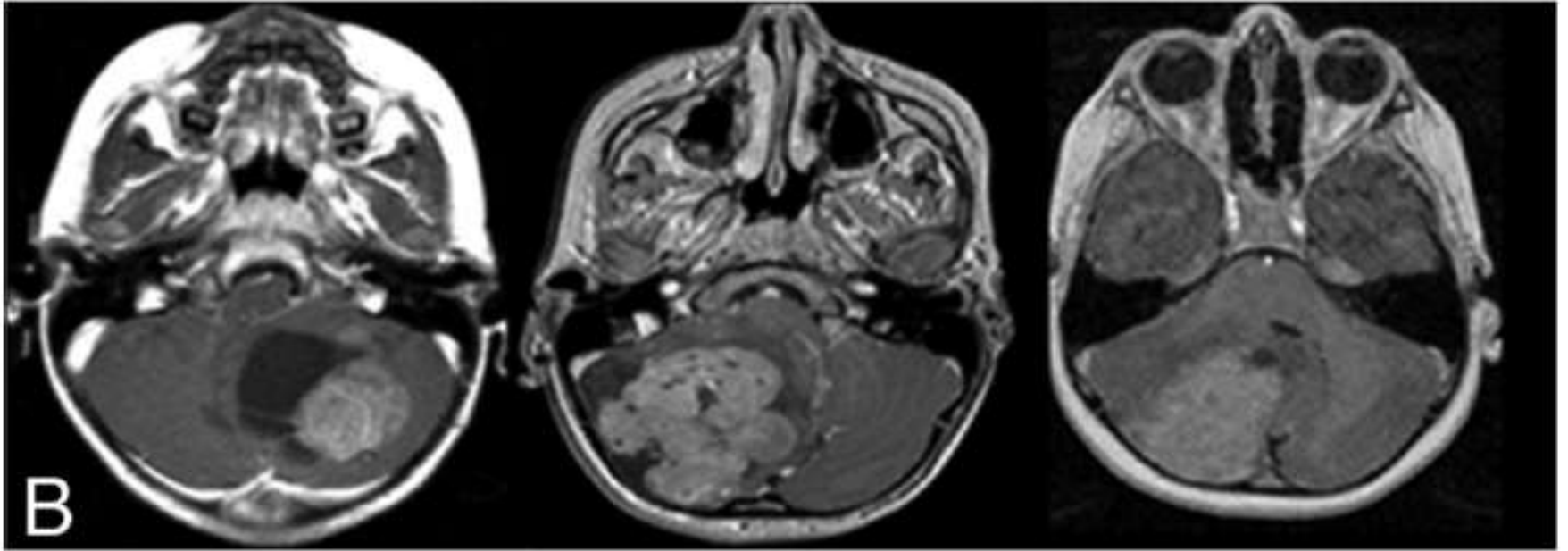
# MRI Surrogates for Molecular Subgroups of Medulloblastoma

S. Perreault, V. Ramaswamy, A.S. Achrol, K. Chao, T.T. Liu, D. Shih, M. Remke, S. Schubert, E. Bouffet, P.G. Fisher, S. Partap, H. Vogel, M.D. Taylor, Y.J. Cho, and K.W. Yeom



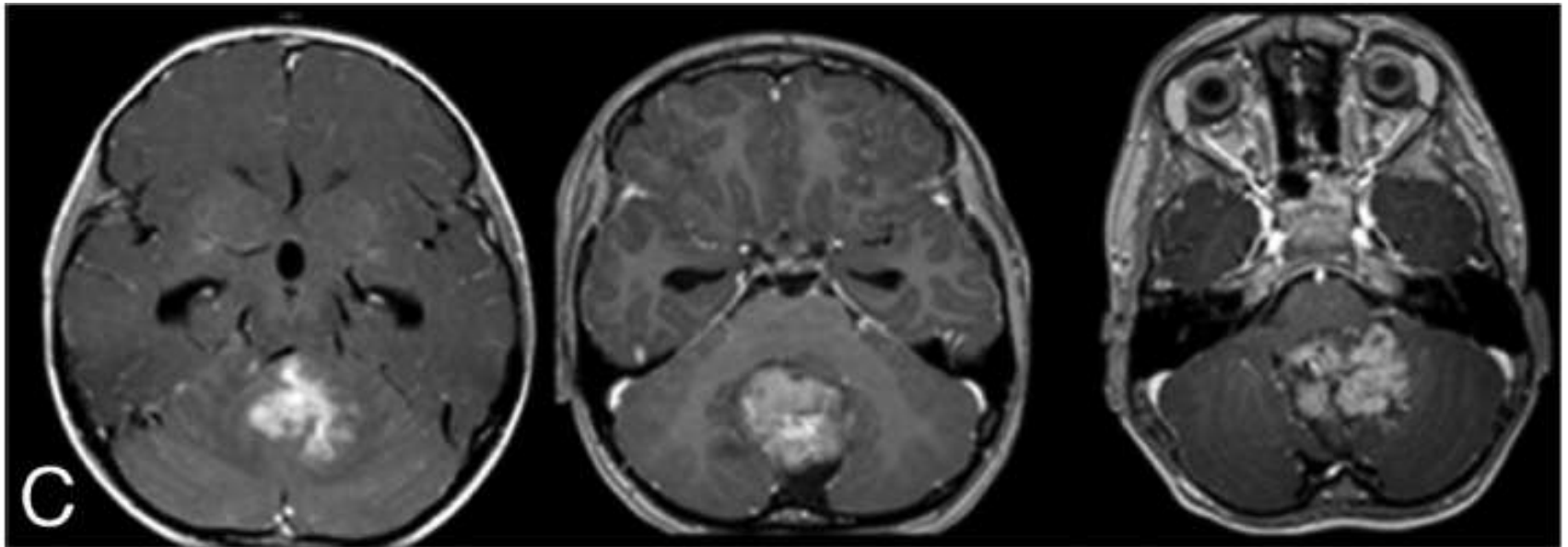


**Tumors occur along the CP/CPA:WNT**

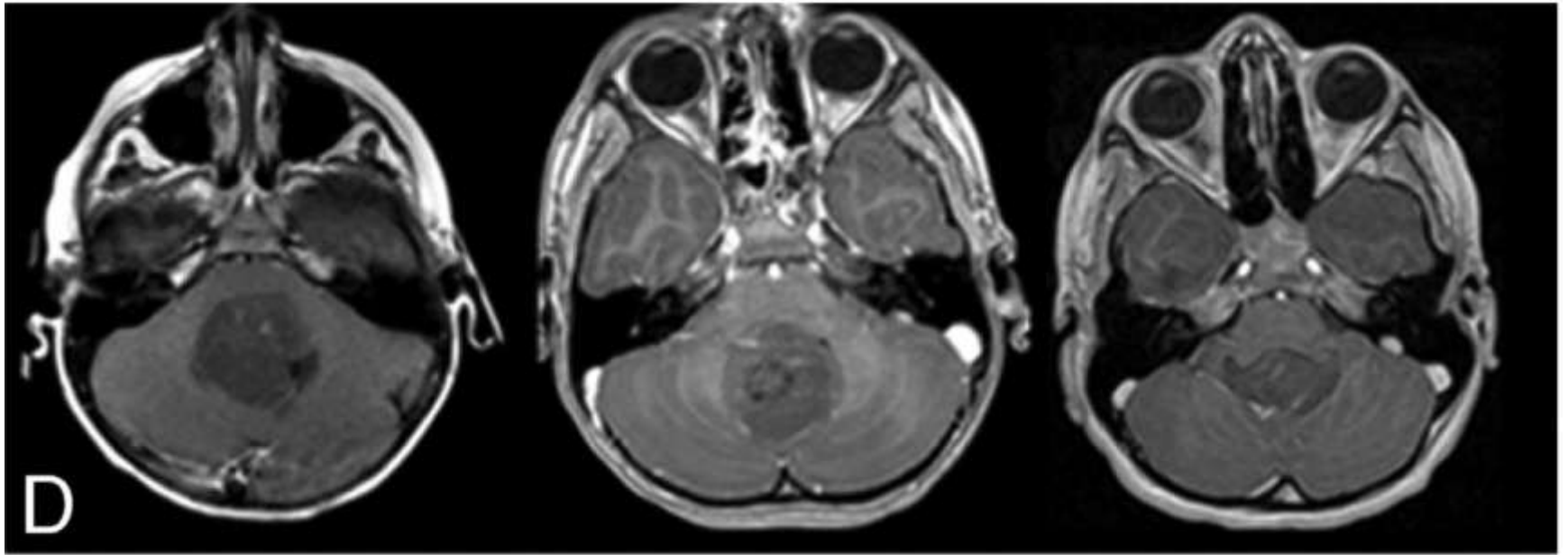


Predominantly located in the cerebellar hemispheres: SHH





**Located in the midline/fourth ventricle and show enhancement and ill-defined features against the adjacent brain parenchyma :Group C**



**Located in the midline fourth ventricle but tend to show minimal or no enhancement: Group D**

# Risk Stratification Of Medulloblastoma

- Clinikoradiological
- Molecular
- Impetus for stratification
  - Heterogeneity
  - Molecular profiling and classification
  - To escalate/deescalate treatment

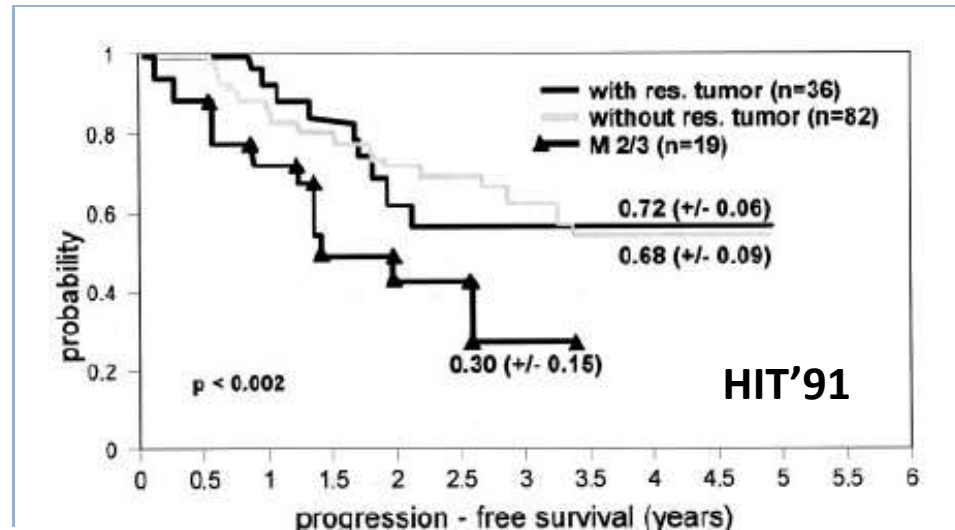
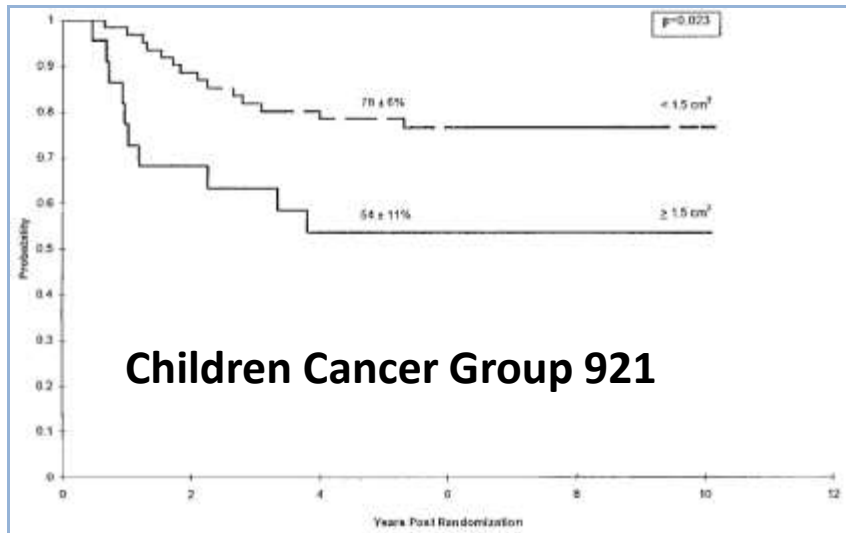
# Clinical Pathological staging (Modified chang )

## Box 1 Chang staging system.

The T stage does not demonstrate prognostic significance. The extent of disease progression summarized in the M stage remains a highly prognostic factor. Permission obtained from Lippincott Williams and Wilkins © Halperin EC *et al.* (2005) *Pediatric Radiation Oncology*.<sup>4</sup>

Tumor stage	Description
T1	Tumor is less than 3cm in diameter and is limited to the midline position in the vermis, the roof of the fourth ventricle and less frequently cerebellar hemispheres
T2	Tumor more than 3 cm in diameter, further invading one adjacent structure or partially filling the fourth ventricle
T3a	Tumor invading two adjacent structures or completely filling the fourth ventricle with extension into the aqueduct or Sylvius, foramen of Magendie or foramen of Luschka, thus producing marked internal hydrocephalus
T3b	Tumor arising from the floor of the fourth ventricle or brain-stem cell and filling the fourth ventricle
T4	Tumor further spreading through the aqueduct of Sylvius to involve the third ventricle or midbrain, or tumor extending to the upper cervical cord
Metastasis stage	Description
M0	No evidence of gross subarachnoid or hematogenous metastasis
M1	Microscopic tumor cells found in cerebrospinal fluid
M2	Gross nodule seedlings demonstrated in the cerebellar, cerebral subarachnoid space or in the third or lateral ventricles
M3	Gross nodule seedlings in the spinal subarachnoid space
M4	Extraneuroaxial metastasis

# Residual Tumor: Important prognostic factor



T stage of the Chang's system did not correlate with survival (possible exception of brain stem invasion) –so replaced by the definition of the **post operative residual tumor volume concept**.

# Clinicoradiological Risk stratification

	Average	High
<b>Clinical Age</b>	<b>&gt; 3 Yrs</b>	<b>≤ 3 Yrs</b>
<b>Residual Tumor</b>	<b>≤ 1.5x 1.5 Cm</b>	<b>Gross residual disease</b>
<b>Metastases</b>	<b>M0</b>	<b>M+</b>
<b>Histopathology</b>	Classic or desmoplastic subtypes on pathology	Large cell or anaplastic subtype
<b>Staging</b>	Complete staging possible	Incomplete staging
<b>Prognosis(5yr survival)</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>40-60%</b>

# Risk stratification – molecular

**Table 6: Consensus risk-stratification in the molecular era for medulloblastoma**

Risk category	WNT	SHH	Group 3	Group 4	Others
Low Risk (expected survival >90%)	<16 years				
Standard Risk (expected survival 75-90%)		TP53 wild type No MYC amplification Non-metastatic	All of the following No MYC amplification Non-metastatic	All of the following Non-metastatic Chr 11 loss	
High Risk (expected survival 50-75%)		One or both MYC amplification Metastatic		All of the following Non-metastatic No Chr 11 loss	
Very High Risk (expected survival <50%)		TP53 mutation (metastatic or non-metastatic)	Metastatic	Metastatic	
Unknown	Metastatic		Non-metastatic with MYC amplification; anaplasia; isochromosome 17q	Anaplasia	Melanotic medulloblastoma Medullomyoblastoma Indeterminate between groups 3/4



# Surgery

- Symptomatic Mx: **Should VP shunt be performed?**
  - May be avoided for following reasons:
    - Definitive surgical resection will remove the obstruction
    - Reverse herniation of superior vermis into quadrigeminal cistern
    - Occasional seeding of tumor cells into peritoneal cavity
    - Lifetime shunt dependency
    - Shunt related infections
- CSF diversion if necessary
  - External ventricular drainage (EVD)
  - Endoscopic third ventriculostomy (ETV)

**Steroid of choice** : dexamethasone 0.5-1mg/kg iv (max = 10mg)  
Cerebral decongestants: mannitol/furosemide

# Extent Of Surgery

- **Maximum safe resection** is recommended
  - Leaving behind residual tumor is better than morbidly aggressive surgical resection
- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| ▪ No evidence of residual tumor at surgery and negative postoperative imaging : | Gross total resection |
| ▪ > 90% :   | Total or near total   |
| ▪ 51 - 90% :  | Subtotal resection    |
| ▪ 11 - 50% :  | Partial resection     |
| ▪ < 10% :   | Biopsy                |

# Surgical complications

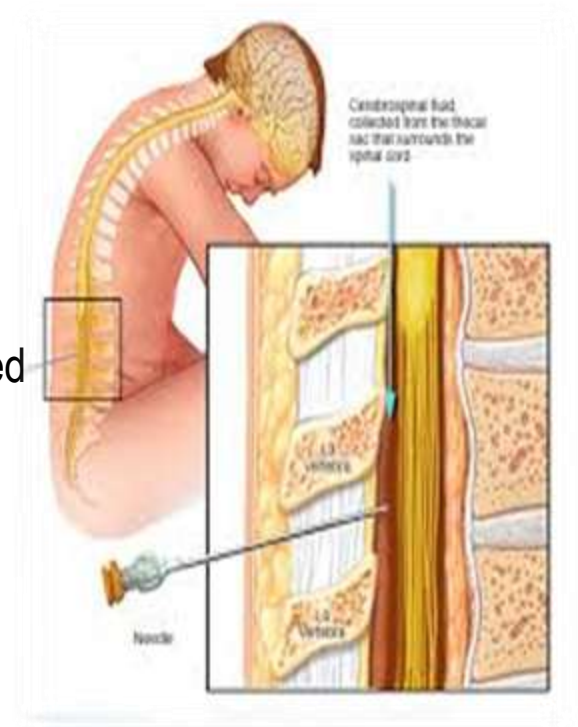
- Cerebellar mutism syndrome(10%-30%)
  - Posterior fossa syndrome
  - Within 48 hrs
  - Mutism + dysarthria + apraxia
  - Behavioural changes
  - Mechanism- controversial(dentate nucleus)
- Meningitis
- Cervical spine instability
- Cranial nerve palsies
- Anaesthetic complications

# Post Operative imaging

- To identify extent of resection & quantify residual disease
- Timing – 2 options
  - **Within 24-48 hours post surgery**
  - or
  - **2-3 weeks post surgery** ( not later than 4 weeks) – to allow resolution of post-op changes (blood products & surgical debris)
- **Spinal screening** if not done prior
  - 2-3 weeks post surgery – erroneous interpretation of post op enhancement of leptomeninges

# CSF cytology

- A part of the **post-operative staging work up**
- To be performed **2-3 weeks post-op** to avoid false positivity
- CSF via ventricular tap at the time of surgery is not considered appropriate for neuraxial staging



# Adjuvant treatment

- Poor surgical outcome
- Average survival 5-6 months (Bailey and Cushing)
- First cases treated dec.1919 by x-rays and radium
- Improved survival with radiotherapy
- Introduction of chemotherapy
  - Further survival improvement
  - Radiotherapy dose reduction to reduce morbidity

# Pre-adjuvant work-ups

- High cure rates but potential for significant morbidity
- Document post-surgical
  - Neurocognitive
  - Endocrinal
  - Hearing status
  - Ophthalmology



# Radiotherapy rationale

- Tumor radiosensitivity
  - Poor surgical outcome
  - PF RT (focal)
  - PF +SC RT
  - CSI
- Landberg et al reviewed serial treatment results (10 year survival) at Sweden:
- |                         | <b>VOLUME</b> | <b>5YR OS</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| leptomeningial relapses | PF            | 5%            |
|                         | PF+SC         | 25%           |
| supratentorial relapses | CSI           | 53%           |

***Craniospinal radiation is the corner stone  
in treatment of medulloblastoma***

# General Guidelines for Radiotherapy

- Children must be referred 7-10days post surgery
- Adjuvant RT MUST begin at earliest- Preferably within 4 weeks but not more than 6 weeks post op
- Overall treatment time should preferably be within 50days, and definitely not more than 8weeks
- Hematological toxicity – start with or switch over to boost phase

- Anti-emetic prophylaxis – ondansetron 0.2mg/kg 45-60minutes prior to RT
- Weekly blood counts; avoid GCSF until absolute necessity
- Interrupt RT if
  - ANC <1000
  - Platelets < 50000

# Doses and volumes as per risk stratification

## CSI for average-risk disease

(age >3 yrs, M0 status, and residual <1.5 cm<sup>2</sup>)

- Standard dose CSI: 35-36 Gy/21-20#/4 weeks @ 1.67-1.8 Gy/#
- Reduced dose CSI: 23.4 Gy/13#/2.5 weeks @1.8 Gy/# (+ adj CT)

## Boost for average-risk disease

- *If Standard dose CSI : PF or TB boost: 19.8 Gy/11#/2 weeks*
- *If reduced dose CSI: Tumour bed boost: 32.4 Gy/18#/3.5 weeks*
- **Total tumour bed dose: 54-56 Gy/ 30-33#/ 6.6.5 weeks**

# **Doses and volumes as per risk stratification**

## **CSI for high-risk disease**

**( M+ status, and residual >1.5 cm<sup>2</sup>)**

- Standard dose CSI: 35-36 Gy/21-20#/4 weeks @ 1.67-1.8 Gy/#
- Higher dose spinal RT: 39.6 Gy/22#/4.5 weeks @1.8 Gy/#

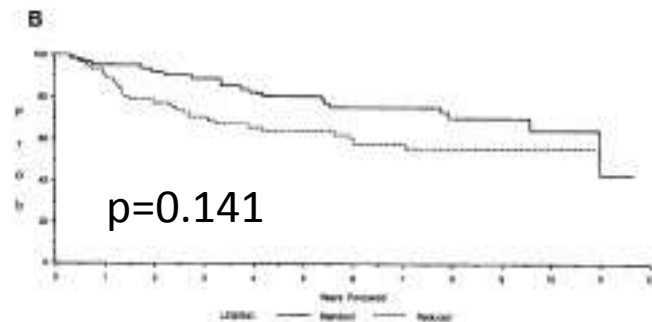
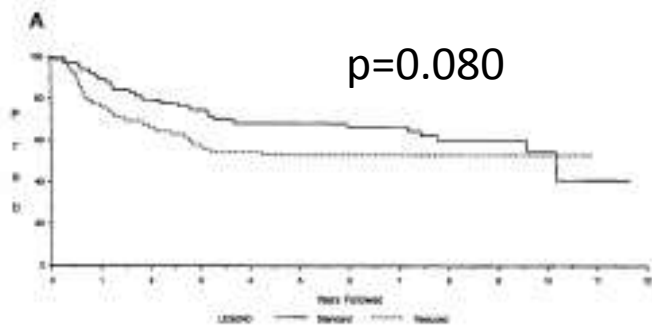
## **Boost for high-risk disease**

- Whole posterior fossa boost: 19.8 Gy/11#/2 weeks
- Boost for gross focal spinal deposit: 7.2-9 Gy/4-5#/1 week

# How much can the CSI dose be reduced

## Low-Stage Medulloblastoma: Final Analysis of Trial Comparing Standard-Dose With Reduced-Dose Neuraxis Irradiation

By Patrick R.M. Thomas, Melvin Deutsch, James L. Kepner, James M. Boyett, Jeffrey Krischer, Patricia Aronin, Leland Albright, Jeffrey C. Allen, Roger J. Packer, Rita Linggood, Raymond Mulhern, James A. Stehbens, James Langston, Philip Stanley, Patricia Duffner, Lucy Rorke, Joel Cherlow, Henry S. Friedman, Jonathan L. Finlay, Teresa J. Vietti, and Larry E. Kun



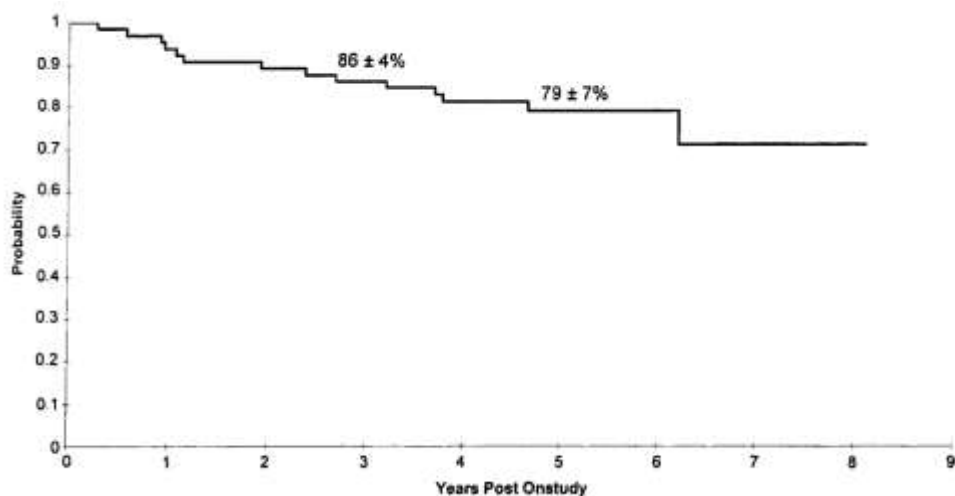
CSI	5yrs EFS	8yrs EFS
Reduced	52%	52%
Standard	67%	67%

Standard dose (36 Gy CSI; 54 GyPF)  
Reduced dose (23.4Gy CSI; 54 GyPF)

**Trial closed prematurely at N=126**  
**Reduced dose CSI negatively impacts EFS**

# Treatment of Children With Medulloblastomas With Reduced-Dose Craniospinal Radiation Therapy and Adjuvant Chemotherapy: A Children's Cancer Group Study

By Roger J. Packer, Joel Goldwein, H. Stacy Nicholson, L. Gilbert Vezina, Jeffrey C. Allen, M. Douglas Ris, Karin Muraszko, Lucy B. Rorke, William M. Wara, Bruce H. Cohen, and James M. Boyett



**N=65 patients**

**Conc wkly VCR followed by 8 cycles of CCNU, CDDP and VCR**

**PFS-  $86 \pm 4\%$  at 3 years ,  $79 \pm 7\%$  at 5 years.**

**Results better than earlier study using reduced dose CSI alone**

**Positive impact of adjuvant chemotherapy on EFS**

How much can the CSI dose be reduced for average risk  
medulloblastoma

ACNS0331 trial : 23.4Gy to 18Gy CSI in average risk  
medulloblastoma decreases event free survival and overall survival

**23.4 Gy : Probably YES**

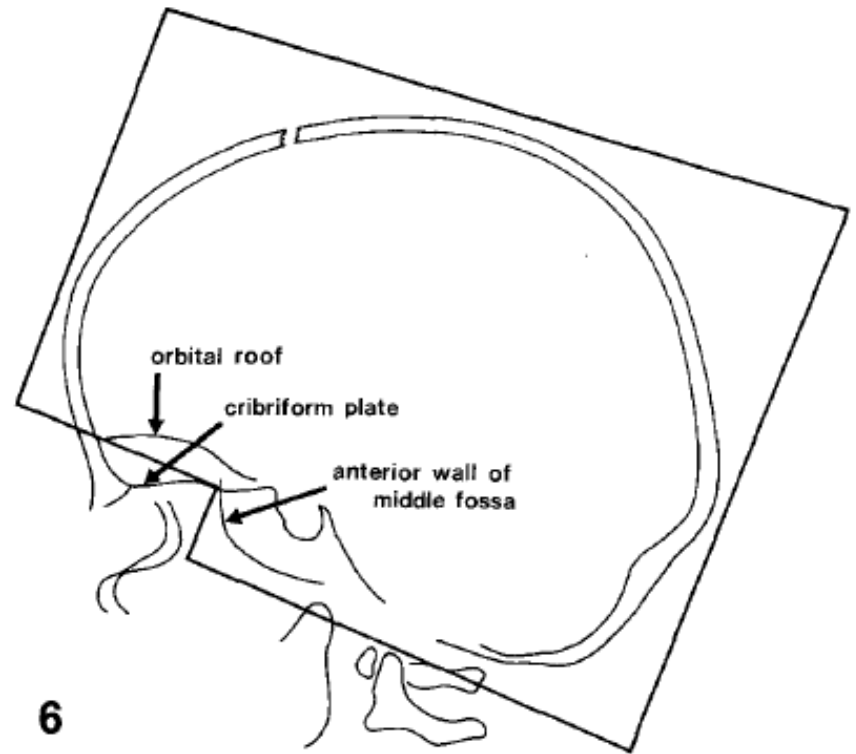
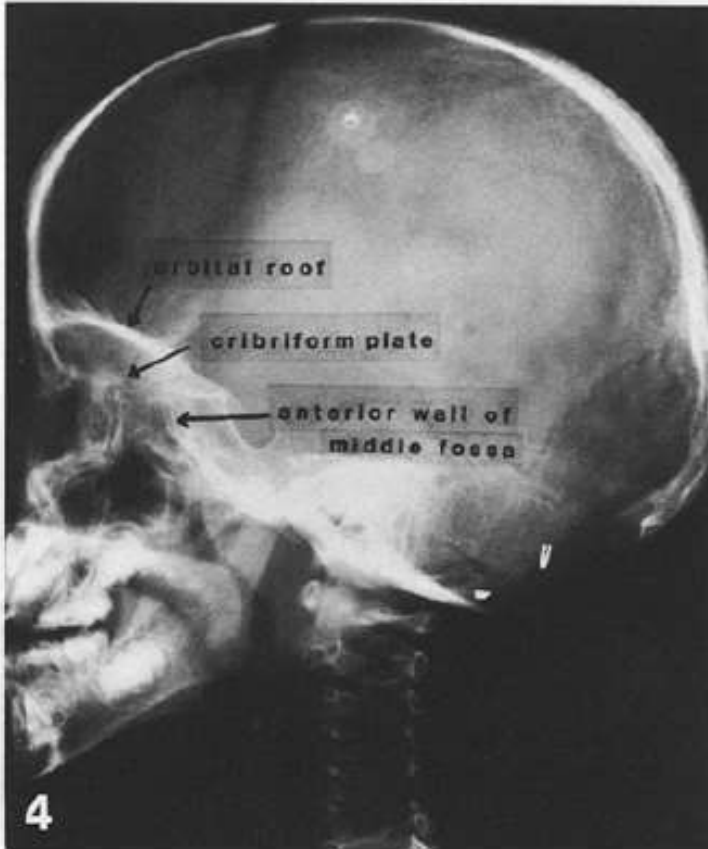
**18 Gy : NO**

# Target Volume

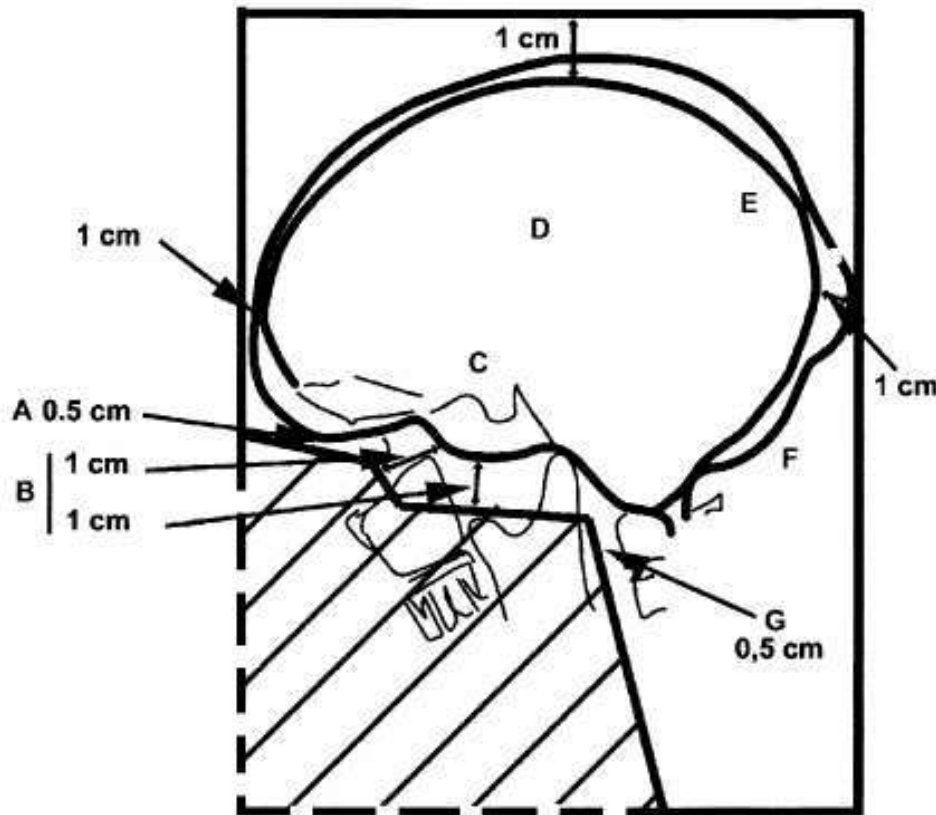
- The intent of CSI is to deliver a cancericidal dose to the primary tumor and any tumor cells distributed in the CSF
- The volume of irradiation thus includes:
  - Entire brain and its meningeal coverings with the CSF
  - Spinal cord and the leptomeninges with CSF
  - Lower border of the thecal sac
  - Posterior fossa - boost



# Cranial field



The lower border for a conventional cranial field if used with a block will result in a miss of the cribriform plate



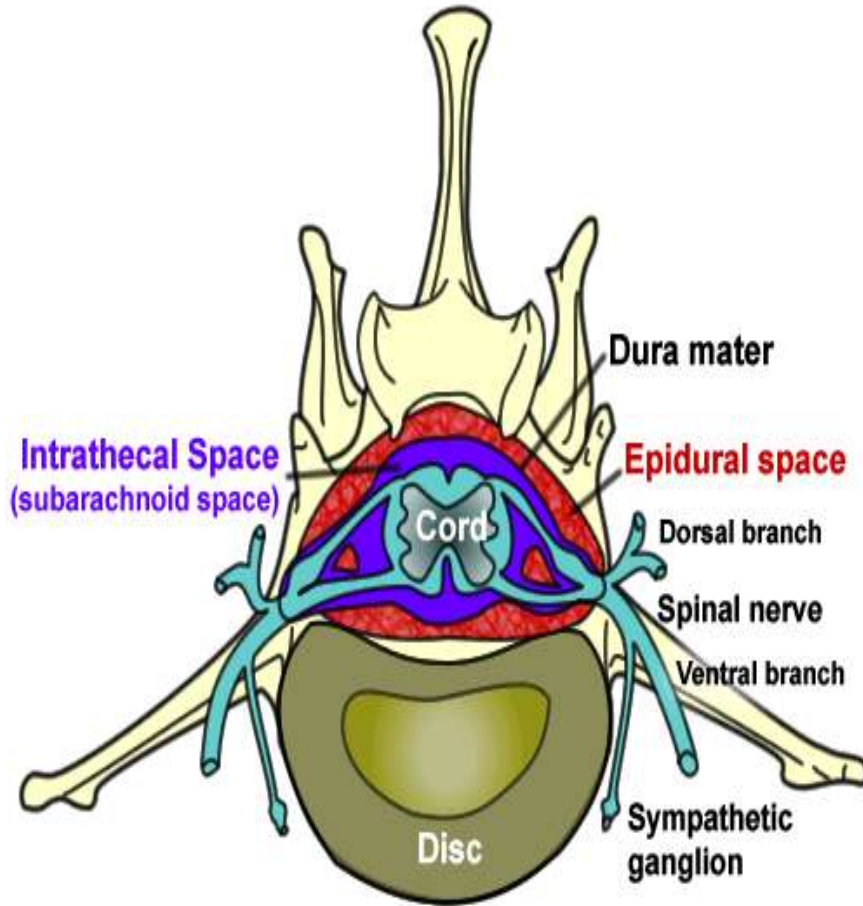
Shielding: SFOP guidelines are less stringent

The recommended placement of block is:

- 0.5 cm below the orbital roof
- 1 cm below and 1 cm in front of the lower most portion of the temporal fossa
- 1 cm away from the extreme edges of the calvaria.
- Note the flexion of the head.

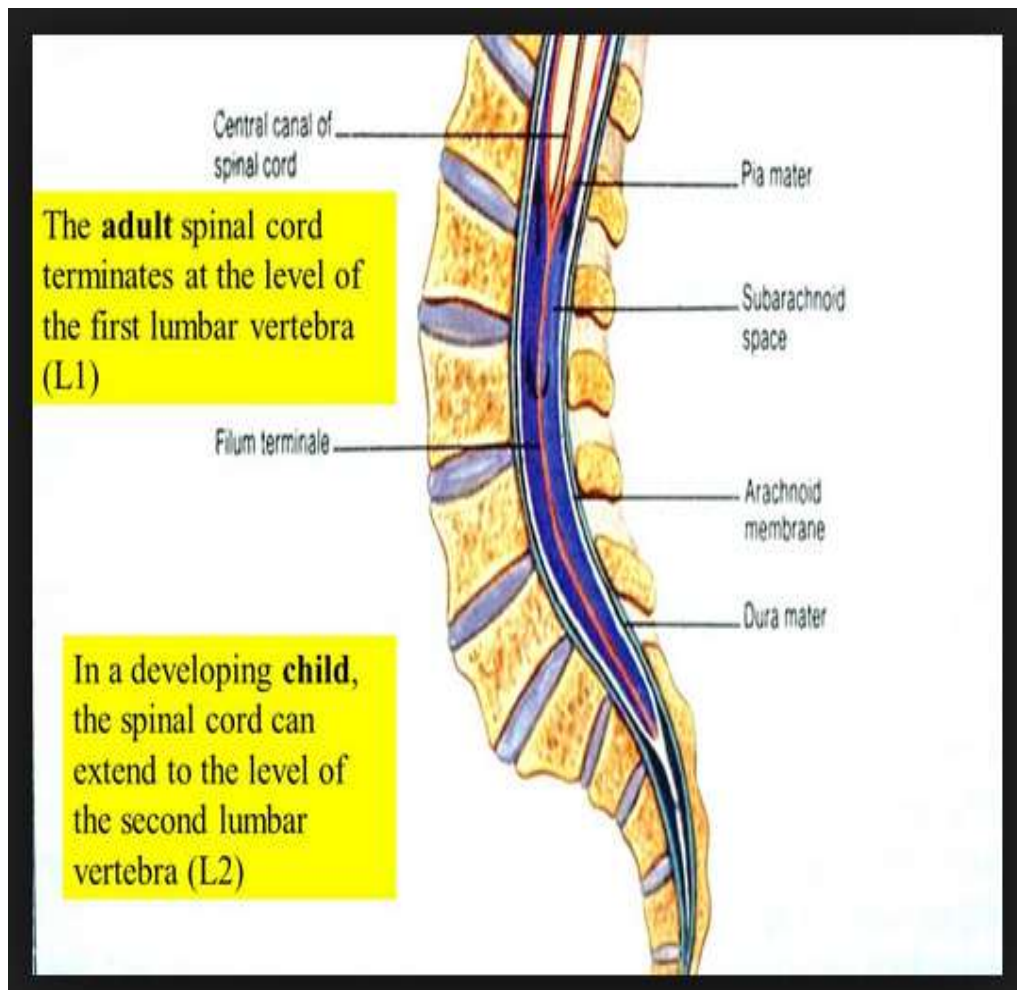
Customized blocks are better than MLCs

# Spinal field target volume



- Width : includes the transverse processes
- to ensure that the nerve root meninges exiting from the intervertebral foramina are adequately covered

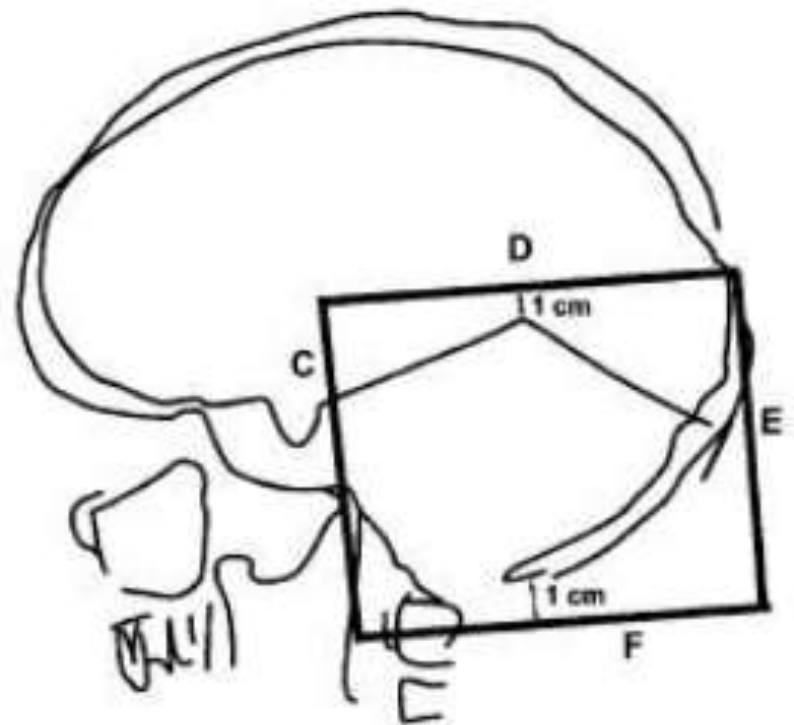
# Spinal field target volume

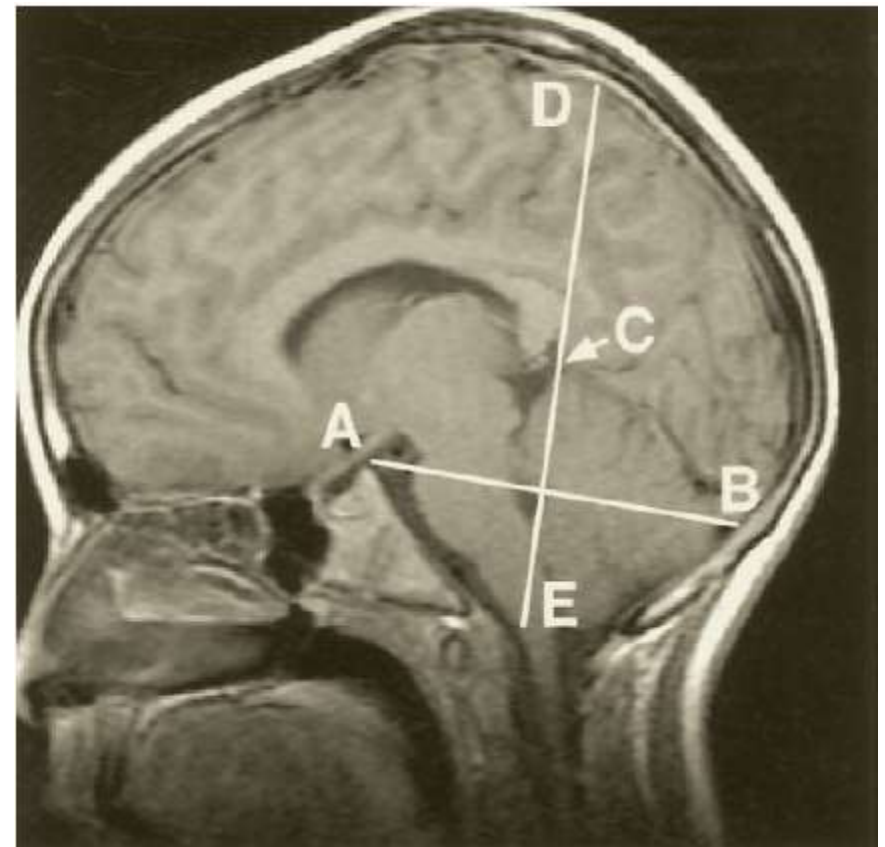
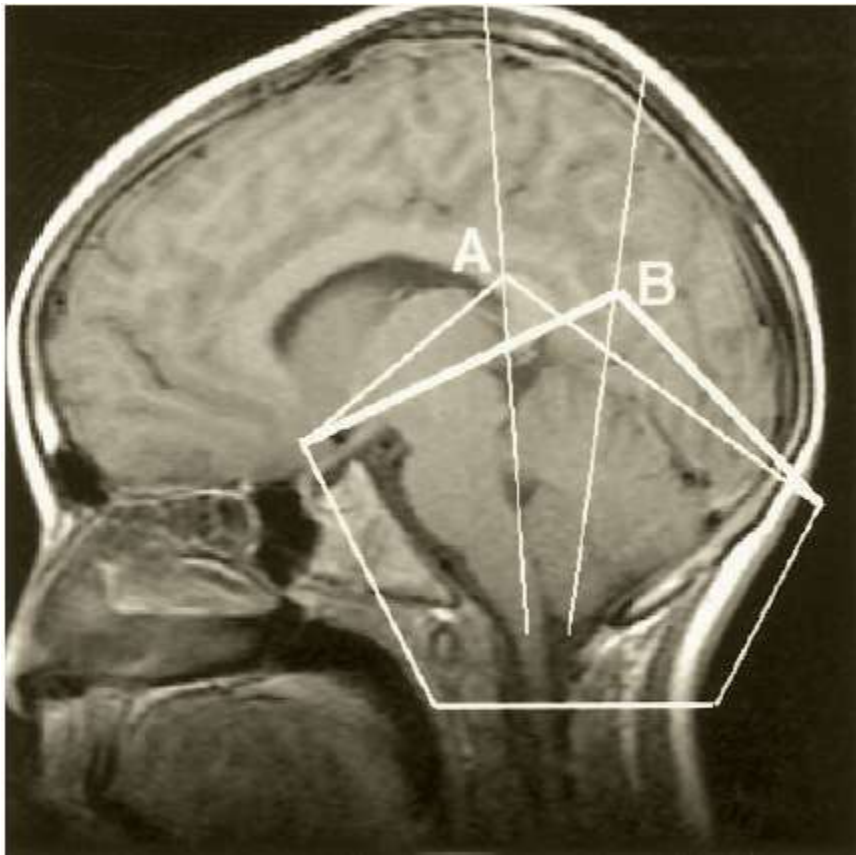


- Sagittal MRI
- SA space ends at
  - S2 -66%
  - S1 – 17%
- **Recommendation:**  
**S2-S3 junction**  
**(covers 83%)**

## BOOST- 2D PLANNING (POSTERIOR FOSSA)

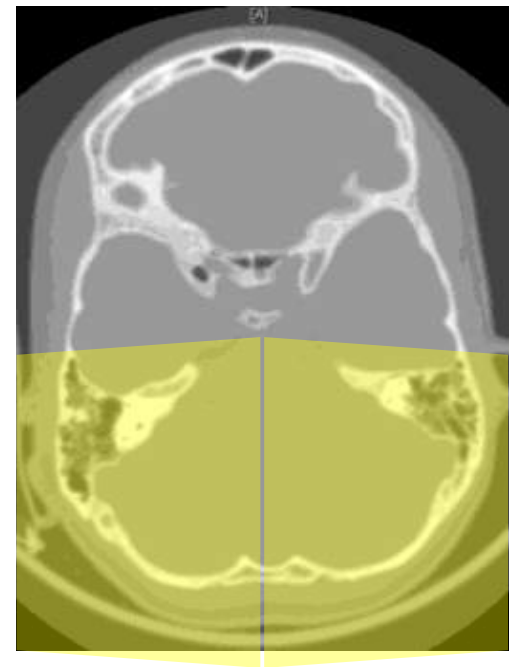
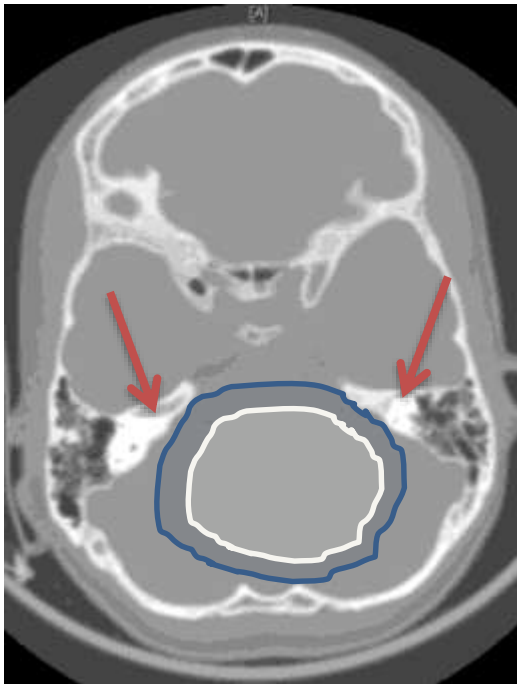
- **Field arrangement** - two lateral opposing fields
- **Anterior:** Posterior clinoid process (avoid pituitary)
- **Posterior:** Internal occipital protuberance
- **Inferior:** C1-C2 interspace
- **Superior:** Midpoint of foramen magnum & vertex or 1cm above the tentorium (as seen on MRI)





Impact of the orientation of the line joining the foramen magnum to the skull on the definition of the posterior fossa boundary. Drayer et al IJROBP1998.

*It is possible to treat tumor bed instead of PF in av. risk medulloblastoma hence toxicity reduction.*



# Boost RT planning

- **Low risk/ Standard risk** – whole posterior fossa need not be treated!

Pre-operative tumor bed with 1-1.5cm margins

ACNS0331 trial :Involved field equivalent to posterior fossa boost

- **High Risk/Very High Risk** – entire posterior fossa
- Multi –field 3DCRT with cochlear sparing – best achieved with IMRT
- preferred that the **CSI and boost plans be summated** to produce a composite treatment plan and final dose-distribution.



# Adjuvant Chemotherapy

Indication for CT :

1. *As Adjuvant with Surgery in child <3 yrs to delay/avoid RT.*
2. *In Recurrent /Progressive disease .*
3. *In patients with Extra cranial mets .*
4. *High risk Pt. to improve cure rates*
5. *In avg. risk group to **allow reduced RT dose.***

Non-disseminated, totally resected, desmoplastic tumors in children < 3 years showed long-term survival with chemotherapy alone(5Yr EFS :77-90% and OS: 85-100%).

# Adjuvant Chemo in average risk: Toxicity

- 421 patients with non disseminated medulloblastoma
- Cisplatin + CCNU + VCR x 8 cycles
- Cisplatin + Cyclophosphamide + VCR x 8 cycles
- 5 year EFS and OS were 81% and 86% respectively

<b>Table 4. Cumulative Toxicity Rate</b>				
Toxicity	Grade 3 or 4 Regimen A/B		Grade 4 Regimen A/B	
	%	<i>P</i>	%	<i>P</i>
Hematologic	97/98		82/90	< .01
Hepatic	12/11		1.7/2.2	
Renal	9.0/5.0		1.1/0.0	
Pulmonary	3.4/2.2		1.6/1.6	
Nervous system	51/46		5.4/3.8	
Hearing	28/23		5.8/6.7	
Electrolytes	6.2/12	< .10	1.7/3.9	
Infection	18/30	< .01	1.6/6.9	< .05
Performance	21/14	< .10	4.9/4.8	

# General Principles: Adjuvant Chemotherapy

- **Timing of adjuvant CT after radiation**
  - Ideal: 3weeks
  - Preferably: within 4 weeks
  - Definitely: not beyond 6 weeks
- Every cycle to be given after **sufficient myelo-recovery**
  - ANC > 1000
  - Platelet > 1lakh
  - RFTT, LFT, s. electrolytes
- **Baseline auditory assessment** is mandatory
  - PTA

# Integration of chemotherapy

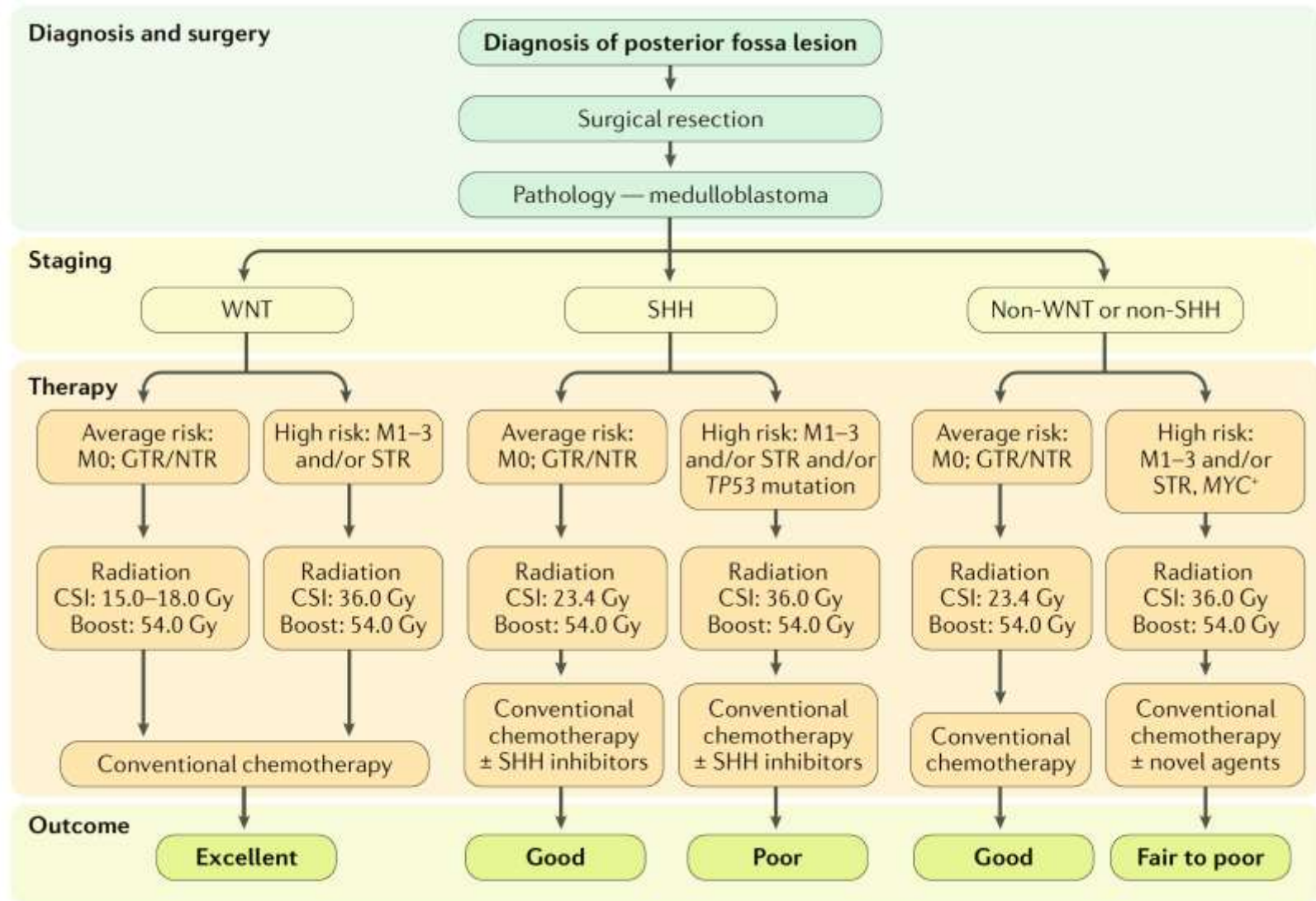
- Delay in starting RT results in inferior outcome: Halperin
- Prolongation of RT duration negatively impacts upon survival: Del Charco & SIOP PNET 3
- Pre RT CT inferior to post RT CT: CCG 921 and HIT 91
- Pre RT CT does not improve survival compared to RT alone: SIOP II & SIOP PNET 3
- Pre RT CT followed by reduced dose CSI inferior: SIOP II

# Chemotherapy regimen

## Adjuvant chemotherapy regimens for childhood medulloblastoma (>3 years of age)

Drugs	Dosage	Days and route of administration
Regimen I (Packer's regimen)		
Cisplatin	75 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Day 1 only (intravenously)
Lomustine	75 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Day 1 only (per orally)
Vincristine	1.5 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Days 1, 8 and 15 (intravenously)
Regimen II		
Cisplatin	75 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Day 1 only (intravenously)
Cyclophosphamide	1000 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Days 1 and 2 (intravenously)
Vincristine	1.5 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Days 1, 8 and 15 (intravenously)
Regimen III		
Cisplatin	75 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Day 1 only (intravenously) in cycle 2, 4 and 6 only
Cyclophosphamide	1000 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Days 1 and 2 (intravenously) in cycle 1, 3 and 5 Days 2 and 3 (intravenously) in cycle 2, 4 and 6
Vincristine	1.5 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Days 1 and 8 (intravenously) in all 6 cycles
Adjuvant chemotherapy regimen for infant medulloblastoma (<3 years of age)		
Carboplatin	600 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Day 1 only (intravenously)
Cyclophosphamide	1000 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Day 1 only (intravenously)

# Molecular risk-adapted management



Dose decrease of  
RT and CT

SMO inhibitor (vismodegib)  
BET inhibitors  
CDK4/6 inhibitor (ribociclib)  
MET inhibitor (foretinib)

# Long-term sequelae of RT

- Neurocognitive & neurophysiological dysfunction
- Endocrine abnormalities & hormonal imbalance
- Growth retardation - spinal component
- Ototoxicity- particularly with platinum based adj CT
- Cerebrovascular accidents
- Gonadal toxicity & reduced fertility
- Second malignant neoplasms

## Recommendations for Follow up

- 3 monthly - first 2 years
- 6 monthly - next 5 years
- Annually thereafter
- Contrast-enhanced MRI of the brain and spine
  - 6-12 weeks after completion of all therapy
  - to serve as a baseline for future comparison.
- Routine imaging surveillance should be ordered only if neurologic worsening occurs, recurrence/progression of disease is suspected