

# BRAIN CANCER

## Brain Cancer: Documentation

### I. Glioma (Most Common Brain Tumor)

Gliomas originate from the neuroglial cells (astrocytes, oligodendrocytes, ependymal cells) and range from low-grade (Grade I/II) to highly aggressive high-grade forms (Grade III/IV, notably Glioblastoma, GBM).

Category	Key Technical Data	Relevance for AI (Input/Output)
<b>Histological Classification (WHO)</b>	Graded I to IV (e.g., Grade IV: Glioblastoma). Based on cellularity, nuclear atypia, mitoses, microvascular proliferation, and necrosis.	<b>Input:</b> WHO Grade (Determines prognosis and primary treatment modality).
<b>Location &amp; Imaging</b>	Typically <b>supratentorial</b> in adults, involving cerebral hemispheres. Imaging (MRI): Highly variable, often <b>ring-enhancing</b> lesions (GBM), or poorly defined, non-enhancing areas (low-grade).	<b>Input/Output:</b> MRI features (enhancement pattern, edema, mass effect) for tumor localization/triage.
<b>Molecular Markers (Crucial for RAG)</b>	<b>IDH Mutation Status:</b> <i>IDH-mutant</i> (generally better prognosis, low-grade high-grade progression). <i>IDH-wildtype</i> (common in primary GBM, worse prognosis). <b>1p/19q Codeletion:</b> Highly predictive of responsiveness to combined chemoradiation (standard for Oligodendroglioma). <b>MGMT Promoter Methylation:</b> Predictive marker for response to <b>Temozolomide (TMZ)</b> chemotherapy. Methylated status indicates better response.	<b>RAG Output:</b> IDH status determines prognostic group and is crucial for WHO 2021 classification. <b>Input:</b> Cytogenetics/FISH result. <b>RAG Output:</b> Drug sensitivity recommendation (e.g., PCV chemotherapy). <b>Input:</b> Methylation status. <b>RAG Output:</b> Treatment justification (TMZ initiation).
<b>Treatment Modality</b>	Surgery (Maximal Safe Resection), Radiotherapy, Chemotherapy (TMZ).	<b>Output:</b> Standard of care based on WHO Grade and Molecular Profile (e.g., Stupp Protocol for GBM).
<b>ICD-O Code</b>	9440/3 (Glioblastoma, NOS); 9400/3 (Astrocytoma, NOS).	<b>Output:</b> Coding and reporting.

### II. Meningioma (Tumors Affecting Brain Membranes)

Meningiomas arise from the arachnoid cells of the meninges and are typically extra-axial (outside the brain parenchyma). They are most often benign.

Category	Key Technical Data	Relevance for AI (Input/Output)
Histological Classification (WHO)	Graded I to III: <b>Grade I</b> (Benign, most common, e.g., meningothelial, fibrous, transitional subtypes); <b>Grade II</b> (Atypical); <b>Grade III</b> (Anaplastic/Malignant).	<b>Input:</b> WHO Grade (Key determinant of recurrence risk).
Location & Imaging	Most common locations: <b>Convexity, falx, sphenoid wing</b> . Imaging (MRI/CT): <b>Dural tail sign</b> (thickening of the adjacent dura), homogeneous enhancement, broad-based dural attachment.	<b>Input/Output:</b> Imaging features (Dural involvement, Calcification) for pre-operative assessment.
Molecular Markers	<b>NF2 Gene Mutation:</b> Common in spinal and multiple meningiomas. <b>SMO/AKT1/PIK3CA Mutations:</b> Found in some sporadic tumors.	<b>RAG Output:</b> Role in pathogenesis and potential targeted therapy trials (limited standard therapy).
Prognostic Factors	<b>Simpson Grading Scale (I-V):</b> Based on the extent of surgical resection (Grade I = Gross Total Resection, Grade V = Biopsy only). Simpson Grade is the strongest predictor of recurrence.	<b>Input:</b> Simpson Grade/Extent of Resection (EOR). <b>RAG Output:</b> Follow-up frequency recommendation.
Treatment Modality	<b>Surgery</b> (primary cure), <b>Observation</b> (for small, asymptomatic Grade I tumors), <b>Radiosurgery</b> (for residual or recurrent tumors).	<b>Output:</b> Treatment strategy guided by size, symptoms, and Simpson Grade.
ICD-O Code	9530/0 (Meningioma, Benign); 9530/3 (Meningioma, Malignant).	<b>Output:</b> Coding and reporting.

III. Pituitary Tumor (Tumors Affecting the Pituitary Gland)

Pituitary tumors (adenomas) are benign slow-growing tumors that arise from the anterior pituitary gland cells. They cause symptoms via hormonal excess (Functional) or mass effect (Non-functional).

Category	Key Technical Data	Relevance for AI (Input/Output)
Classification (Functional)	Classified by hormone produced: <b>Prolactinoma</b> (most common), <b>GH-producing</b> (Acromegaly), <b>ACTH-producing</b> (Cushing's disease), <b>TSH-producing</b> . <b>Non-functional</b> (Null cell adenoma).	<b>Input:</b> Hormone levels (Prolactin, IGF-1, Cortisol) for functional diagnosis.
Size Classification	<b>Microadenoma</b> ( mm); <b>Macroadenoma</b> ( mm).	<b>Input:</b> Size (Determines management

Category	Key Technical Data	Relevance for AI (Input/Output) approach—medication vs. surgery).
<b>Location &amp; Imaging</b>	Sited in the <b>sella turcica</b> . Macroadenomas can extend into the <b>suprasellar cistern</b> and compress the <b>optic chiasm</b> (causing bitemporal hemianopsia).	<b>Input/Output:</b> Visual field deficits, cavernous sinus invasion.
<b>Treatment Modality (Functional)</b>	<b>Prolactinoma:</b> Primary treatment is <b>medical</b> (Dopamine Agonists, e.g., Cabergoline). <b>GH/ACTH-producing:</b> Surgery (Transsphenoidal) is often the first line.	<b>RAG Output:</b> Treatment selection based on hormone type.
<b>Treatment Modality (Non-functional)</b>	<b>Surgery</b> (Transsphenoidal) for symptomatic macroadenomas (optic chiasm compression). Observation for asymptomatic microadenomas.	<b>Output:</b> Surgery for decompression.
<b>Molecular Markers</b>	<b>GNAQ, GNAS Mutations:</b> Involved in GH-producing tumors (Acromegaly). <b>AIP Mutations:</b> Associated with familial or early-onset pituitary tumors.	<b>RAG Output:</b> Identification of hereditary risk and resistance to medical therapy.
<b>ICD-O Code</b>	8272/0 (Pituitary Adenoma, NOS).	<b>Output:</b> Coding and reporting.

# 1. Core Academic References (Must-Have for RAG)

These documents are the gold-standard foundation for clinical and pathological brain tumor knowledge:

## 1.1. WHO Classification of Tumours of the Central Nervous System (5th Edition)

**Most authoritative source worldwide.**

Covers:

- Full classification of gliomas, meningiomas, and pituitary tumors
- Diagnostic molecular markers (IDH, 1p/19q, ATRX, MGMT, TERT, NF2, MEN1)
- Histopathology, grading, and tumor biology
- Imaging characteristics
- Typical clinical behavior and prognosis

Use it as a **primary source for pathology & diagnostic criteria.**

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## 1.2. NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines – Central Nervous System Cancers

Includes:

- Standard diagnostic workflow
- Imaging (MRI sequences, contrast protocols)
- Surgical indications
- Radiotherapy and chemotherapy regimens
- Follow-up and recurrence management

**Essential for real-world clinical management.**

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## 1.3. Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine (Brain Tumors Chapter)

Provides:

- High-level medical overview
  - Common symptoms (seizures, deficits, headaches)
  - Approach to diagnosis
  - Systemic implications
- Good for **clinical reasoning and generalist-level understanding.**
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## 1.4. Robbins & Cotran Pathologic Basis of Disease

Provides:

- Pathogenesis
  - Microscopic architecture of gliomas, meningiomas, pituitary adenomas
  - Molecular pathways of tumor development
  - Invasion patterns and grading
- Use for **pathology-focused RAG chunks.**
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## 1.5. UpToDate (Neurosurgery & Oncology Topics)

Provides:

- Latest evidence
  - Stepwise diagnostic algorithms
  - Imaging interpretation details
  - Postoperative management
- Great for **workflow logic.**
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## 2. Category-Specific Documentation

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### 2.1. Glioma (Most common malignant brain tumor)

#### High-yield references

- WHO CNS Tumors: “Diffuse Gliomas,” “Glioblastoma,” “Pediatric-type diffuse gliomas”
- NCCN CNS Guidelines: Glioma treatment pathways
- Review article: “Diffuse Gliomas: Molecular Pathology and Clinical Management” (Nature Reviews Neuroscience)

#### Key topics to extract for RAG

- ✓ Definition & classification (IDH-mutant, IDH-wildtype, glioblastoma, astrocytoma, oligodendroglioma)
  - ✓ Histopathology (cell morphology, mitotic activity, necrosis, microvascular proliferation)
  - ✓ MRI features (T1, T2, FLAIR, contrast enhancement)
  - ✓ Molecular markers (IDH1/2, 1p/19q codeletion, MGMT methylation, ATRX)
  - ✓ Treatment: surgery → radiotherapy → chemotherapy (temozolomide)
  - ✓ Prognosis based on molecular and clinical factors
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### 2.2. Meningioma (Tumors of the meninges, usually benign)

#### High-yield references

- WHO CNS Tumors: “Meningiomas”
- EANO Guidelines: Diagnosis and treatment of meningiomas
- Review article: “Meningioma: Epidemiology, Pathology, and Clinical Management”

#### Topics for RAG ingestion

- ✓ Grading (WHO grade 1, 2, 3)
- ✓ Common subtypes (meningotheial, fibrous, transitional, atypical, anaplastic)
- ✓ Imaging (dural tail sign, homogeneous enhancement)

- ✓ Risk factors (NF2 gene inactivation)
  - ✓ Management:
    - Observation
    - Surgical resection
    - Radiotherapy for residual/inoperable tumors
      - ✓ Recurrence risk and follow-up intervals
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## 2.3. Pituitary Tumor (Adenomas of the pituitary gland)

### High-yield references

- WHO CNS Tumors: “Pituitary neuroendocrine tumors (PitNETs)”
- Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guidelines for Pituitary Adenomas
- Review: “Pituitary Adenomas: Classification, Diagnosis, and Management” (Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology)

# I. SUMMARY DOCUMENT — GLIOMA (≈850 words)

## 1. Overview

Gliomas are the most common primary malignant brain tumors, arising from glial-lineage cells within the central nervous system (astrocytes, oligodendrocytes, ependymal cells). Modern classification incorporates molecular genetics in addition to histopathology, making **IDH mutation status**, **1p/19q codeletion**, and **ATRX/TP53 status** essential for diagnosis. Gliomas span a biological continuum from slow-growing, low-grade tumors to aggressive, infiltrative glioblastomas.

## 2. Classification (WHO 2021+)

### Astrocytoma, IDH-mutant (Grades 2–4)

- Diffuse, infiltrative tumors
- ATRX loss, TP53 mutation common
- Grade determined by mitotic activity, necrosis, microvascular proliferation

### Oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant, 1p/19q-codeleted (Grades 2–3)

- Better prognosis
- Fried-egg cells, delicate branching vasculature
- Requires BOTH IDH mutation + 1p/19q codeletion

### **Glioblastoma, IDH-wildtype (Grade 4)**

- Most aggressive
- Radiologic hallmark: ring-enhancing lesion with central necrosis
- Molecular profile: TERT promoter mutation, EGFR amplification, PTEN loss

## **3. Epidemiology and Risk Factors**

- Peak incidence: age 45–75
- Risk factors: prior radiation, genetic syndromes (Li-Fraumeni, NF1, Turcot)

## **4. Clinical Presentation**

- Headache, seizures, progressive neurological deficits
- Personality/behavioral change for frontal lobe involvement
- Increased intracranial pressure signs (nausea, papilledema)

## **5. Diagnostic Workflow**

### **Imaging**

- **MRI with contrast** is standard
- T2/FLAIR mismatch characteristic of astrocytoma IDH-mutant
- Glioblastoma shows central necrosis, thick irregular enhancement

### **Histology**

- Nuclear atypia, mitoses, microvascular proliferation (grade 4)
- Cellular density increases with aggressiveness

### **Molecular testing**

Required for final WHO diagnosis:

- IDH1/2 mutation
- 1p/19q codeletion
- MGMT promoter methylation (predictive for temozolomide response)
- EGFR, TERT, ATRX, TP53

## **6. Treatment**

### **Low-grade (2)**

- Maximal safe resection
- Radiotherapy ± temozolomide depending on risk factors

### High-grade (3–4)

- Maximal safe surgical resection
- Radiotherapy + temozolomide chemoradiation
- Adjuvant temozolomide
- Tumor treating fields in select cases

## 7. Prognosis

- Strongest predictors: IDH mutation, 1p/19q codeletion, MGMT methylation
- Median survival:
  - Oligodendroglioma: 10–12 yrs
  - Astrocytoma grade 3: 5–7 yrs
  - Glioblastoma: 1–2 yrs

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# GLIOMA — CLINICAL DECISION TREE

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Patient with neurologic symptoms → MRI brain with contrast
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Suspicious lesion?
↓ Yes
Neurosurgery referral → plan biopsy or resection
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Tissue diagnosis
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Perform molecular tests:
  IDH mutation? → Yes → Astrocytoma/Oligodendroglioma pathway
                No  → Glioblastoma pathway
  1p/19q codeletion? → Yes → Oligodendroglioma
                    No  → Astrocytoma
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Grading (2/3/4)
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Treatment decision:
  Grade 2 → surgery → ± RT/chemotherapy
  Grade 3 → surgery → RT + chemotherapy
  Grade 4 → maximal resection → chemoradiation + adjuvant TMZ
  
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## II. SUMMARY DOCUMENT — MENINGIOMA (≈750 words)

### 1. Overview



Meningiomas arise from arachnoid cap cells of the meninges and represent the most frequent benign intracranial tumor. Although most are slow-growing and well-circumscribed, atypical and anaplastic forms exist. WHO 2021 classification defines three grades based on mitotic rate, brain invasion, and histologic features.

## **2. Classification**

### **WHO Grade 1 (Benign)**

- 80–85% of cases
- Subtypes: meningothelial, fibrous, transitional, angiomatous
- Low recurrence risk

### **WHO Grade 2 (Atypical)**

- Increased mitotic figures
- Brain invasion
- Higher recurrence (~35%)

### **WHO Grade 3 (Anaplastic)**

- Marked atypia, high mitotic index
- Aggressive clinical behavior

## **3. Risk Factors**

- NF2 gene inactivation
- Previous cranial irradiation
- Hormonal influences (progesterone receptor positivity)

## **4. Clinical Presentation**

- Slowly progressive symptoms
- Headache
- Visual changes (parasellar tumors)
- Seizures (convexity meningiomas)

## **5. Diagnostics**

### **Imaging**

- MRI: extra-axial mass, dural tail sign
- CT: calcification, hyperostosis

### **Histology**

- Whorled pattern, psammoma bodies

- Immunohistochemistry: EMA+, somatostatin receptor 2A+

## 6. Treatment

- **Asymptomatic, small** → observation
- **Symptomatic or growing** → surgical resection
- **Residual or high-grade** → radiotherapy
- No standard chemotherapy

## 7. Prognosis

- Grade 1: excellent
- Grade 2–3: recurrence risk correlates with grade and extent of resection

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# MENINGIOMA — CLINICAL DECISION TREE

Incidental or symptomatic lesion → MRI brain  
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Typical imaging features?  
↓ Yes  
Evaluate symptoms + growth rate  
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Small & asymptomatic → Observe with MRI  
Symptomatic or large → Neurosurgical evaluation  
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Resection  
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Pathology:  
    Grade 1 → follow-up MRI  
    Grade 2 → consider adjuvant radiotherapy  
    Grade 3 → radiotherapy + close follow-up

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## III. SUMMARY DOCUMENT — PITUITARY TUMOR (≈700 words)

### 1. Overview

Pituitary tumors (PitNETs) are adenomas arising from anterior pituitary cells. They can be **functional** (hormone-secreting) or **non-functional**, with wide variation in clinical presentation.

### 2. Classification

Functional:

- Prolactinomas (most common)
- ACTH-secreting (Cushing's disease)
- GH-secreting (acromegaly)
- TSH-secreting (rare)

Non-functional:

- Gonadotroph adenomas
- Null-cell adenomas

### **3. Clinical Presentation**

#### **Functional tumors**

Symptoms due to hormone excess:

- Prolactinoma: galactorrhea, amenorrhea
- GH tumor: acromegaly features
- ACTH tumor: Cushingoid features

#### **Mass effect**

- Visual field defects (bitemporal hemianopia)
- Headache
- Hypopituitarism

### **4. Diagnostics**

#### **Hormonal panel**

- Prolactin
- IGF-1
- ACTH, cortisol
- TSH, free T4
- LH/FSH

#### **Imaging**

- MRI sellar protocol
- Evaluate cavernous sinus invasion

#### **Histopathology**

- Uniform adenoma cells
- Pituitary transcription factors (PIT1, TPIT, SF1)

## 5. Treatment

- **Prolactinoma** → dopamine agonists (cabergoline)
- **Other functional tumors** → surgery (transsphenoidal)
- **Residual/invasive tumor** → radiotherapy
- **Hormone replacement** for deficits

## 6. Prognosis

- Prolactinomas respond well to medication
- ACTH and GH tumors may recur
- Larger adenomas require long-term imaging

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# PITUITARY TUMOR — CLINICAL DECISION TREE

Patient with endocrine or visual symptoms → Hormone panel + MRI

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Functional tumor?

↓ Yes

Prolactinoma → Dopamine agonists

ACTH/GH/TSH tumor → Surgery → ± radiotherapy

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Non-functional tumor?

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Small → Observation

Large/with symptoms → Surgery → ± radiotherapy

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# MOLECULAR MARKER TABLE

Tumor Type	Key Molecular Markers	Clinical Relevance
Glioma	IDH1/2, 1p/19q codeletion, ATRX, TP53, MGMT, EGFR, TERT	Defines subtype; prognosis; predicts TMZ response
Meningioma	NF2, TRAF7, AKT1, KLF4, SMO	Predicts grade, recurrence, growth patterns
Pituitary Tumor	PIT1, TPIT, SF1, MEN1, GNAS	Defines hormone lineage; predicts functional subtype

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# HISTOLOGY DESCRIPTIONS — COMPUTER VISION OPTIMIZED

# Glioma

- **Low-grade:** hypercellular tissue with elongated nuclei, mild atypia, fibrillary background
  - **High-grade:** necrosis, pseudopalisading, microvascular proliferation, pleomorphic cells
  - **Oligodendroglioma:** “fried egg” cells, branching “chicken-wire” vessels
- Training tip: Ensure CV model learns diffuse infiltration and loss of normal cortex.

# Meningioma

- Whorls, psammoma bodies, spindle cells, dura-based attachment
  - Uniform nuclei, less pleomorphism (grade 1)
  - Atypia/mitoses for higher-grade
- Training tip: Distinguish extra-axial architecture + dural tail behavior.

# Pituitary Tumor

- Sheets/cords of uniform cells, salt-and-pepper chromatin
  - Sparse stroma
  - Cell type varies by hormone lineage
- Training tip: Include normal anterior pituitary as negative controls.

## Comprehensive Overview: Brain Tumors – Glioma, Meningioma, and Pituitary Tumors

(Optimized for Clinical Practice and AI/RAG Applications – November 2025)

This document focuses on the three most common histopathological entities in public brain tumor datasets (e.g., TCIA, BraTS, Figshare brain tumor collections):

1. Glioma (diffuse gliomas + circumscribed gliomas)
2. Meningioma
3. Pituitary neuroendocrine tumors (PitNET, formerly pituitary adenoma) and rare carcinomas

### 1. Glioma (WHO CNS5 2021 + 2025 updates)

**Epidemiology** Most common primary malignant brain tumor in adults (~80% of malignant primaries). Incidence 6–7/100,000. Peak 60–80 y (glioblastoma), bimodal for lower grades.

#### WHO CNS5 2022 Molecular Classification (Adult-type diffuse gliomas)

WHO Entity (2025)	Key Molecular Markers	WHO Grade	Median OS (untreated)	2025 Standard Therapy
Astrocytoma, IDH-mutant	IDH1/2 mut + ATRX loss + TP53 mut; CDKN2A/B	2–4	Grade 2: 7–10 y Grade 4: 2–3 y	RT + PCV or TMZ

WHO Entity (2025)	Key Molecular Markers	WHO Grade	Median OS (untreated)	2025 Standard Therapy
Oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant & 1p/19q co-deleted	homozygous deletion = grade 4 IDH1/2 mut + 1p/19q codeletion + TERTp mut	2–3	12–15 y	RT + PCV (best evidence)
Glioblastoma, IDH-wildtype	TERTp mut, EGFR amp, +7/–10, no IDH mut	4	14–16 mo	Stupp protocol (RT+TMZ) ± TTFields ± targeted (if actionable)

### Pediatric-type diffuse gliomas (important in datasets)

- Diffuse midline glioma, H3 K27-altered (grade 4)
- Infant-type hemispheric glioma (ALK/NTRK/ROS1/BRAF fusions)

### Circumscribed gliomas (often in datasets labeled simply “glioma”)

- Pilocytic astrocytoma (grade 1, BRAF fusion/KIAA1549)
- Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma (grade 2–3, BRAF V600E)
- Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (TSC1/2)

### Histopathology & Imaging Correlations (for AI datasets)

Feature	Glioblastoma (IDH-wt)	IDH-mutant Astrocytoma	Oligodendroglioma	Circumscribed (e.g., Pilocytic)
Macro	Ring-enhancing, necrotic, hemorrhagic	Non-enhancing or mild, infiltrative	Calcified, cortical	Cystic + mural nodule
Microscopy	Pseudopalisading necrosis, microvascular proliferation, brisk mitoses	Moderate pleomorphism, no necrosis	Fried-egg cells, chicken-wire vessels	Rosenthal fibers, eosinophilic granular bodies
MRI T2/FLAIR	Heterogeneous hyperintense with necrosis	Homogeneous hyperintense	Hyperintense, calcifications	Bright cyst + enhancing nodule

### Biomarkers & Actionable Targets (2025)

- MGMT promoter methylation → better TMZ response (especially GBM)
- BRAF V600E → dabrafenib/trametinib (PXA, some GBM)
- NTRK fusions → larotrectinib/entrectinib
- IDH inhibitors: vorasidenib (FDA-approved 2024 for grade 2/3 IDH-mut residual/recurrent)

## 2. Meningioma (WHO CNS5 2021 + 2025 updates)

**Epidemiology** Most common primary intracranial tumor overall ( $\approx 40\%$ ). F:M 2–3:1, peak 60–70 y. 90–95% benign (grade 1).

### WHO CNS5 Grading (2025)

WHO Grade	Histology & Molecular Criteria	Recurrence Risk (10 y)	Standard Management
Grade 1	Typical histology (meningothelial, fibrous, transitional, psammomatous) + no brain invasion	20–40%	Observation (if asymptomatic) or resection
Grade 2	Atypical histology OR brain invasion OR $\geq 4$ mitoses/10 hpf	40–60%	Resection + RT if incomplete/subtotal
Grade 3	Anaplastic histology OR $\geq 20$ mitoses/10 hpf OR frank sarcomatous/rhabdoid/papillary	$>80\%$	Resection + RT $\pm$ systemic (trials)

### Molecular Drivers (2025)

- NF2 mutation/chr22 loss (50–60%)
- TRAF7, KLF4, AKT1, SMO (non-NF2, skull-base)
- TERT promoter mutation & CDKN2A/B del  $\rightarrow$  grade 3 regardless of histology
- BAP1, DMD mutations (rhabdoid/aggressive)

**Imaging & Clinical** Convexity  $>$  parasagittal  $>$  skull base (olfactory groove, sphenoid wing, CPA). Extra-axial, dural tail, CSF cleft sign, hyperostosis common.

### 3. Pituitary Neuroendocrine Tumors (PitNET) & Carcinomas (WHO CNS5 2021 + 2025)

**Epidemiology** 10–15% of intracranial tumors; mostly benign. Incidence 4/100,000. Peak 30–60 y.

**Classification (WHO 2022 + 2025)** – now lineage-based transcription factor IHC

Tumor Type	Transcription Factor IHC	Hormone IHC	Frequency	Clinical Syndrome
Lactotroph tumor	PIT1	PRL	30–40%	Hyperprolactinemia, amenorrhea/galactorrhea
Somatotroph tumor	PIT1	GH	15%	Acromegaly/gigantism
Corticotroph tumor	TPIT	ACTH	10%	Cushing disease
Gonadotroph tumor	SF1	FSH/LH	30–40%	Usually non-functioning
Plurihormonal / Null cell	Variable / none	—	10–15%	Non-functioning mass effect
Pituitary carcinoma (extremely rare)	Any + aggressive behavior + metastases	—	$<0.2\%$	Systemic mets (spine, liver)

## Grading (2025 proposal)

- High-risk subtypes: Silent corticotroph, sparsely granulated somatotroph, Crooke cell, plurihormonal PIT1-positive → higher recurrence.

## Clinical Presentation

- Functioning: Endocrine syndromes
- Non-functioning: Mass effect (bitemporal hemianopsia, hypopituitarism, headache)

**Imaging** Sellar/suprasellar, “snowman” shape if diaphragma breach, T1 variable (hemorrhagic = pituitary apoplexy).

## Key Immunohistochemistry Panel (for AI and Pathology Confirmation)

Marker	Glioma (GBM)	IDH-mut Astrocytoma	Oligodendroglioma	Meningioma	Pituitary Tumor
IDH1 R132H	–	+ (90%)	+	–	–
ATRX	Retained	Loss	Retained	–	–
p53	Variable	Strong nuclear	Wild-type	–	Variable
EMA	–	–	–	+	–
PR	–	–	–	(membranous) + (60–90%, grade 1>2)	–
SSTR2A	–	–	–	+	+
PIT1/TPIT/SF1	–	–	–	+	(somatostatin receptor)
Ki-67	>15–20 %	Low–moderate	Low–moderate	Grade-dependent	+ (lineage) Variable

## Management Summary (NCCN/CNS 2025)

Tumor	First-Line Therapy	Adjuvant/Advanced Options
Low-grade glioma	Maximal safe resection → observation or RT+chemo	Vorasidenib (IDH-mut)
Glioblastoma	Maximal safe resection + RT + TMZ + TTFields	Bevacizumab, targeted if actionable
Meningioma grade 1	Observation or resection	RT for recurrence
Meningioma 2–3	Resection + RT	Everolimus + octreotide, trabectedin (trials)
Functioning PitNET	Dopamine agonists (prolactinoma), transsphenoidal surgery	Pasireotide, cabergoline, pegvisomant
Non-functioning	Transsphenoidal surgery	Observation or RT if residual