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The Department of Neurosurgery at [Brigham and Women's Hospital](#) (BWH) is where American neurosurgery was founded by Dr. [Harvey Williams Cushing](#) in 1913.

Pituitary [metastases](#) (PM) is a rare complication of advanced malignancy, first reported by L. Benjamin in 1857 as a case of [melanoma](#) spread to the pituitary identified in an [autopsy](#) ¹⁾ and later in 1913, [Cushing](#) ²⁾ reported this unique phenomenon as the cause of [diabetes insipidus](#).

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