

Accessory nerve schwannoma classification

The spinal [accessory nerve](#) has a cisternal, a foraminal (jugular) and an extracranial course. The tumors can be anywhere along this course.

Spinal accessory nerve schwannomas are classified accordingly by their origin as cisternal, foraminal or extracranial/cervical ^{1) 2)}.

The intracranial [accessory nerve schwannomas](#) could be either of the [jugular foramen](#) type, the intracisternal type, or of the cervical type. The lower cranial nerves which include the [glossopharyngeal nerve](#), the [vagus](#) and the [accessory nerve](#), form a complex at the jugular foramen, which is defined as a [jugular foramen schwannoma](#) without the identification of the individual cranial nerve ³⁾.

see [Intracisternal accessory nerve schwannoma](#).

see [Jugular foramen schwannoma classification](#).

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