

Cervicomedullary tumor

Cervicomedullary tumors are a subset of tumors quite distinct from the usual brainstem tumors. Patients having predominant cervical involvement present early and have less post-operative deficits. Those with predominantly more medullary involvement present late, hence have a much more morbid outcome. Though closely related to vital neural structures, surgery forms the mainstay of treatment. Adequate pre-operative planning and preparation of the patient along with intense post-operative monitoring and ventilatory assistance as and when required helps in a good surgical outcome ¹⁾.

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