

# Cystic tumor

see also [Tumor associated cysts](#).

The most common tumors are, [hemangioblastoma](#), [pilocytic astrocytoma](#), [ganglioglioma](#), [pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma](#), [tanyctic ependymoma](#), [intraparenchymal schwannoma](#), [desmoplastic infantile ganglioglioma](#).

[Cystic meningioma](#) is a rare form of intracranial meningioma. Meningiomas are typically solid tumors but may rarely have cystic components. The diagnosis of cystic meningioma is clinically challenging as the finding of multiple intra-axial tumors, including metastatic tumors, is relatively common. We report a case of cystic meningioma initially diagnosed as a metastatic tumor from a recurrence of acute lymphoid leukemia. However, postoperative histopathological examination demonstrated an atypical meningioma <sup>1)</sup>.

Differential diagnosis of a [cystic lesion](#) must contemplate primary [neoplasm](#), [metastasis](#) (lung and breast neoplasms are the most common cause), brain [abscess](#), [tuberculoma](#) and [neurocysticercosis](#). (NCC).

see [Cystic metastases](#).

see [Cystic glioma](#).

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Other intra-axial cysts, e.g. [intracranial arachnoid cyst](#), [neuroglial cyst](#), [porencephalic cyst](#).

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