

Diffuse astrocytic tumor

see [Diffuse astrocytic and oligodendroglial tumors](#).

In the [World Health Organization Classification of Tumors of the Central Nervous System 2016](#) ¹⁾ the term diffuse astrocytic tumors (sometimes called [diffuse astrocytomas](#)) refers to the class of infiltrating CNS tumors composed of astrocytes (sometimes called [diffuse gliomas](#)), whereas the term diffuse astrocytoma can refer to a lower grade ([WHO grade II](#)) subset of this class, with higher grade lesions consisting of [anaplastic astrocytoma](#) ([WHO grade III](#)) and [glioblastoma](#) ([WHO grade IV](#)).

¹⁾

Louis DN, Ohgaki H, Wiestler OD, et al. WHO classification of tumors of the central nervous system. Lyon, France 2016

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