

# Dysembryoplastic Neuroepithelial Tumor Pathology

Multinodularity at low-power is a key feature with **neuroglial** columns comprised of bundles of **axons** aligned perpendicular to the cortical surface. These columns are lined by **oligodendroglial** like cells incorporated within a mucoid matrix with interspersed **neurons**. Occasionally difficult to differentiate from **oligodendrolioma**.

Two distinct forms <sup>1)</sup> (do not appear to have different prognoses):

Simple form: glioneural elements consisting of axon bundles perpendicular to the cortical surface, lined with oligodendroglial-like cells that are S-100 positive and GFAP negative. Normal appearing neurons floating in a pale eosinophilic matrix are scattered between these columns (no resemblance to ganglion cells, unlike gangliogliomas)

Complex form: glioneural elements as described above in the simple form, with glial nodules scattered throughout. The glial component may mimic a low-grade fibrillary astrocytoma. Foci of cortical dysplasia occur

<sup>1)</sup>

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