Hydrocephalus was present in half of childhood cases and one-fifth of adult patients 1).

Initial Hydrocephalus has no impact on outcome in patients with sellar masses. OS and FC are impaired in survivors presenting with initial HI. PFS is not affected by HY, HI, or degree of resection. Accordingly, gross-total resection is not recommended in sellar masses with initial HI to prevent further hypothalamic damage ²⁾.

Nonobstructive hydrocephalus in craniopharyngioma

The neuroendoscopic foraminoplasty technique should be considered as an alternative treatment for patients who present with an obstructive hydrocephalus caused by a tumor that occludes both foramina of Monro when shunt placement or endoscopic third ventriculostomy is not feasible ³⁾.

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