

Intracranial dural metastases

Pathology There are four mechanisms by which intracranial dural metastases are thought to occur ¹⁾:

Direct extension from skull metastases

Retrograde seeding through the vertebral venous plexus

Haematogenous seeding

Lymphatic seeding

The primary malignancies that frequently cause dural metastases include (in descending order of frequency) ^{2) 3)}.

breast cancer

prostate cancer

lung cancer

head and neck cancers

haematological cancers

neuroblastoma

gastric adenocarcinoma ⁴⁾.

^{1) 3)}

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