

# Lymphoma

## General information

### Key concepts

- may be primary ([Primary central nervous system lymphoma](#)) or secondary (pathologically identical)
- suspected with homogeneously enhancing lesion(s) in the central gray matter or corpus callosum (on MRI or CT) especially in AIDS patients
- may present with multiple cranial-nerve palsies
- diagnosis highly likely if tumor seen in conjunction with uveitis
- very responsive initially to steroids → short-lived disappearance (“ghost tumors”)
- treatment: usually XRT ± chemotherapy. Role of neurosurgery usually limited to biopsy and/or placement of ventricular access reservoir for chemotherapy
- risk factors: immunosuppression (AIDS, transplants), Epstein-Barr virus, collagen vascular diseases

## Classification

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