

Microaneurysms of Charcot-Bouchard

AKA **miliary aneurysms**¹⁾. Occur primarily at the bifurcation of small (< 300 mcm) perforating branches of lateral **lenticulostriate arteries** in **basal ganglia** (found in 46% of hypertensive patients over age 66, but only in 7% of controls²⁾). Possibly the origin of some “hypertensive” ganglionic (putaminal) hemorrhages,³⁾ but this is controversial.

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