

Petrous bone meningioma classification

Bricolo et al.¹⁾ divided posterior [petrous bone meningiomas](#) into tumors anterior to the IAC and tumors posterior to the IAC. D

Desgeorges et al. refined this description when they introduced the A-M-P classification:

[Petrous bone meningiomas](#) were classified into 3 types following the Desgeorges classification,²⁾ which is based on the tumor's dural attachment to the posterior [petrous bone](#) surface:

Type A (anterior) meningiomas originate from the [petrous apex](#). see [petrous apex meningioma](#).

Type M (middle) meningiomas originate at the level of the [internal auditory canal](#) (IAC)

Type P (posterior) meningiomas develop from the posterior part of the [petrous bone](#), between the posterior wall of the IAC and the groove of the [sigmoid sinus](#).

see [Posterior petrous bone meningioma](#).

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Bricolo AP, , Turazzi S, , Talacchi A, & Cristofori L: Microsurgical removal of petroclival meningiomas: a report of 33 patients. Neurosurgery 31:813-828, 1992

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Desgeorges M, Sterkers O, Poncet JL, Rey A, Sterkers JM. [Surgery for meningioma of the posterior skull base. 135 cases. Choice of approach and results]. Neurochirurgie. 1995;41(4):265-90; discussion 290-4. French. PubMed PMID: 8524441.

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