

Posterior fossa cyst differential diagnosis

see [Intracranial cyst differential diagnosis](#).

Includes: a) cyst associated with [Dandy Walker malformation](#). Cerebellar vermis is usually hypoplastic (or, less commonly, completely absent). Hydrocephalus often present

b) epidermoid

c) enlarged (mega) cisterna magna may mimic a cyst. No mass effect on cerebellum

d) [cerebellar hemangioblastoma](#): often has an enhancing mural nodule

e) [arachnoid cyst](#) of posterior fossa: usually associated with mass effect on cerebellum

f) [neurenteric cyst](#)

g) pilocytic astrocytoma of the cerebellum: usually has an enhancing mural nodule.

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