

Skull base tumor

[Skull base](#) tumors are relatively rare.

see [Skull base meningioma](#).

Schwannomas comprise less than 10% of all primary intracranial tumors. Schwannomas of the vestibular nerve are the most common neoplasms that involve the temporal bone and represent 75% of tumors that occupy the cerebellopontine angle cistern.

Chondrosarcomas comprise approximately 0.1% of all intracranial tumors. Half of these develop at the cranial base.

Chordomas also comprise approximately 0.1% of all intracranial tumors. Forty percent of chordomas develop at the skull base.

Skull base metastases, not including direct extension, occur in 4% of cancer patients.

Types

Anterior cranial fossa

[Anterior cranial fossa tumor](#).

Middle cranial fossa

[Middle cranial fossa tumor](#).

Posterior cranial fossa tumor

[Posterior cranial fossa tumor](#).

Other skull base conditions

Rathke's cleft cyst

Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) leak

Encephaloceles

Fibrous dysplasia

Surgery

Skull base tumor surgery.

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