

# Tumors associated with Von Hippel-Lindau disease

## Cerebellar hemangioblastoma

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## Spinal cord hemangioblastomas

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## Brainstem hemangioblastomas

see [Brainstem hemangioblastoma](#).

## Pheochromocytomas

see [Pheochromocytoma](#)

## Endolymphatic sac tumors

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## Retinal hemangioblastomas

see [Retinal hemangioblastoma](#).

## Renal cell carcinoma

see [Renal cell carcinoma associated with Von Hippel-Lindau disease](#).

## Renal cysts

a) 50-70% of [Von Hippel-Lindau disease](#) patients have bilateral and multiple renal cysts

- b) rarely cause profound renal impairment
- c) chronic renal failure or renal hypertension not as common as with polycystic kidney disease

## Epididymal cystadenomas

- a) benign lesions that arise from the epididymal duct
- b) found in 10–60% of male VHL patients
- c) typically appear in the teenage years
- d) may cause infertility if bilateral
- e) may be multiple

### Broad ligament cystadenomas

- a) arise from the embryonic mesonephric duct
- b) true incidence unknown
- c) rarely reported and usually not recognized in women with VHL

### Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors and cysts

- a) 35 to 70% of patients with VHL develop an endocrine tumor or cyst
- b) pancreatic cysts are generally asymptomatic and often multiple
- c) pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors are usually non-functional and 8% of them are malignant
- d) differential diagnosis: pancreatic islet cell tumors, MEN2

## Sinonasal renal cell-like adenocarcinoma

Sinonasal renal cell-like adenocarcinoma is an emerging tumor associated with VHL syndrome and it is hoped that future studies shed light on the underlying biology of this unique tumor <sup>1)</sup>.

<sup>1)</sup>

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