

Cancer Prone Disease Section

Mini Review

Familial nervous system tumour syndromes

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Identity

Inheritance

Eight genetic syndromes are associated with nervous system tumours; these are:

Neurofibromatosis 1 (NF1),
Neurofibromatosis 2 (NF2),
Tuberous sclerosis,
Turcot syndrome,
Von Hippel-Lindau syndrome,
Li-Fraumeni syndrome,
Gorlin syndrome,
Cowden syndrome,

Clinics

Neoplastic risk

Neurofibromatosis 1 (NF1):

Nervous System Tumors Neurofibromas,
Astrocytomas, Optic nerve gliomas

Other tumors Pheochromocytoma, Osseous lesions,
Iris hamartomas

Genes NF1 located in 17q11

Neurofibromatosis 2 (NF2):

Nervous System Tumors Schwannomas, Meningiomas,
Spinal ependymomas, Astrocytomas

Other tumors Retinal hamartoma

Genes NF2 located in 22q12

Tuberous sclerosis:

Nervous System Tumors Astrocytomas,
Subependymal giant cell tumors

Other tumors Cutaneous angio-fibroma, Cardiac
rhabdomyomas, Adenomatous polyps of duodenum,

Renal hamartomatous tumors, Cysts of the lung and kidney.

Genes TSC1 and TSC2 located in 9q34 and 16p13 respectively

Turcot syndrome:

Nervous System Tumors Medulloblastomas,
Glioblastomas

Other tumors Colorectal polyps

Genes APC, hMLh1 and hPMS2 located in 5q21,
3p21, and 7p22 respectively

Von Hippel-Lindau syndrome:

Nervous System Tumors Hemangioblastomas

Other tumors Retinal hemangioblastomas, Renal cell
carcinoma, Pheochromocytoma

Genes VHL located in 3p25

Li-Fraumeni syndrome:

Nervous System Tumors Astrocytomas, PNET

Other tumors Breast carcinoma, Bone and soft tissues
sarcomas, Adenocortical carcinoma, leukaemia

Genes TP53 located in 17p13

Gorlin syndrome:

Nervous System Tumors Medulloblastomas

Other tumors Multiple basal cell carcinomas, Ovarian
fibromas.

Genes PTCH located in 9q31

Cowden syndrome:

Nervous System Tumors Dysplastic gangliocytoma of
the cerebellum

Other tumors Hamartomatous polyps of the colon,
Thyroid neoplasms, Breast carcinoma

Genes PTEN located in 10q23

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