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DIAGNOSIS: SYRINGOMYELIA OF SPINAL CORD

CLINICAL HISTORY: M/77. Syringomyelia was diagnosed ten years before death. The patient developed increasing ataxia. He died of disseminated pancreatic carcinoma.

MACROSCOPIC: The specimen consists of a longitudinal segment and three transverse sections from the cervico-thoracic region of the spinal cord. The meninges appear normal. A cavity approximately 5mm diameter is present in the centre of the spinal cord.

MICROSCOPIC: The sections are stained with a myelin stain Luxol fast blue. There is gliosis of the neural tissue around the central cavity. Strands of collagen and blood vessels pass across the cavity.

