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DIAGNOSIS: METASTATIC MALIGNANT MELANOMA – SKULL

CLINICAL HISTORY: M/64. A malignant melanoma of the back was excised eighteen months previously, with lymph node metastases. A swelling over the left frontoparietal region was excised with underlying bone and dura.

MACROSCOPIC: Specimen consists of an irregular fragment of dura and an oval piece of bone with muscle and aponeurosis attached. The dura shows scattered areas of pigmented tumour. The bone shows a pigmented tumour extending from the deep surface through the bone and into the attached muscle.

MICROSCOPIC: Sections show the deposit of melanoma abutting connective tissue and muscle (left image). The tumour consists of sheets of anaplastic large cells, many containing melanin pigment (right image).

