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DIAGNOSIS: PONS - METASTATIC MALIGNANT MELANOMA

CLINICAL HISTORY: M/63. Increasing vertigo, ataxia, nausea, vomiting and headaches two months before death. Malignant melanoma had been excised from left shoulder 11 years previously.

MACROSCOPIC: The specimen consists of the two halves of the brain stem in which there is a brownish tumour mass (3.5cm in diameter) involving the pons and projecting into the floor of the fourth ventricle.

MICROSCOPIC: The tumour abuts the cerebellum (middle image) and has extensive areas of haemorrhage. The melanoma cells are large and pleomorphic (lower image). The pigment present consists both of melanin and haemosiderin.

