

Changing Paradigms for Paraganglioma Treatment

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- Outline
 - Paraganglia
 - Paraganglioma
 - Anatomy
 - Evaluation
 - Genetics
 - Treatment Options/Sequellae



PARAGANGLIA

- Neural Crest Origin
- Chemoreceptors
- Chief Cells

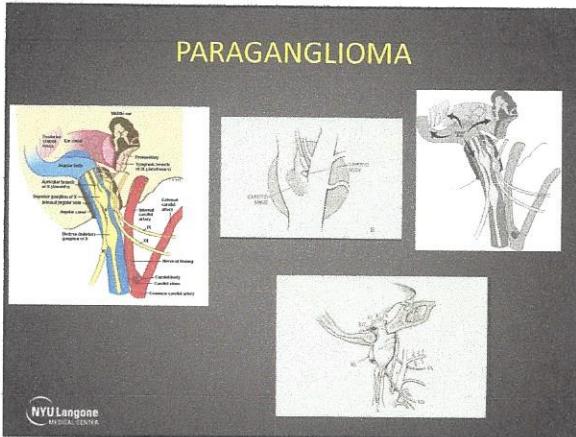




PARAGANGLIOMAS

- CAROTID BODY TUMOR
- JUGULAR
- VAGAL
- TYMPANIC
- SYMPATHETIC GANGLIA
- LARYNGEAL, MEDIASTINAL, ABDOMINAL



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PARAGANGLIOMAS - Facts

- MULTICENTRIC - 4% → 22%
- Carotid Body Tumors Most Frequent
- FAMILIAL – SDH gene mutation
 - Younger age presentation
 - Autosomal Dominant - Variable Penetrance
 - Multicentric - 78% → 87%
- MALIGNANT –
- Non-Secreting – w/u should involve urinary/plasma metanephrenes, vanillylmandelic acid (VMA)

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PARAGANGLIOMAS - Genetics

Table 1. Penetrance and Presence of Head and Neck Paragangliomas and Multiple Tumors, with the Likelihood of Malignancy Based on the SDH Gene Mutation.^{41,52}

	SDHD (n = 164)	SDHB (n = 129)	SDHC (n = 38)
Mean age at diagnosis, y	36	37	18
Penetrance, %	50 by 31 y 86 by 50 y	50 by 35 y 77 by 50 y	N/A
Multiple tumors, %	67-74	20-31	9-31
Head and neck paragangliomas, %	79-98	31-47	88-100
Malignant tumors, %	0-3	34-38	0

Abbreviations: N/A, not applicable; SDH, succinate dehydrogenase.

Michael G. Moore et al. Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery 2016;154:597-605

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PARAGANGLIOMAS - Genetics

Table 1 Clinical features (penetrance) of PGL syndromes 1-5

Syndrome	Gene	PC	TANGL	HNPGL	Multifocal	Malignant	RCC	Other
PGL1	<i>SDHD</i>	~10-25%	20-25%	85%	0	<4%	~8%	GIST and PA
PGL2	<i>SDHB</i>	0	0	100%	0	0	0	-
PGL3	<i>SDHC</i>	20-35%	Rare	~2%	~5-20%	~15%	Rare	GIST
PGL4	<i>SDHD</i>	20-35%	50%	20-30%	~5-20%	~30%	Rare	GIST and PA
PGL5	<i>SDHD</i>	Rare	Rare	Rare	~5%	~14%	Rare	GIST and PA, GIST and PA

PC, phaeochromocytoma; TANGL, thoracabdominal PGL; HNPGL, head and neck PGL; RCC, renal cell carcinoma; PA, pituitary adenoma; GIST, gastrointestinal stromal tumour; Neumann et al. (2005); Amor et al. (2005); Schiavon et al. (2005); Baser et al. (2006); Causin et al. (2008); Hao et al. (2009); Pernell et al. (2010); Burman et al. (2010); Rekhi et al. (2010); Velander et al. (2011) and Gimenez-Roqueplo et al. (2011).

*Patently inherited.

†Lifetime prevalence not yet determined.

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PARAGANGLIOMAS- IMAGING

- CT Scan - Enhancing
- MRI - "Salt and Pepper"
- MRA - Displacement of Carotid Artery
- Gallium-68 Dotatate PET Scan – incr. sensitivity/specificity over Octreotide (¹¹¹I-octreotide) and MIBG (¹²³I-MIBG)

Imaging defines:

- Extent of tumor
- Vascular/Neural Involvement
- Demonstrates Multicentric Tumors
- Defines Possible Metastases

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PARAGANGLIOMAS

The image block contains two side-by-side medical scans. On the left is a CT scan (Contrast-enhanced axial image) showing a large, heterogeneously enhancing mass in the right neck. On the right is an MRI (T2-weighted coronal image) showing a large, well-defined, hyperintense (bright) mass in the same region. Both images illustrate the imaging characteristics of a paraganglioma.

CT

MRI

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PARAGANGLIOMAS

- Familial, multiple
 - Bilat. CBT
 - Vagal Paraganglioma
 - Jugular Paraganglioma

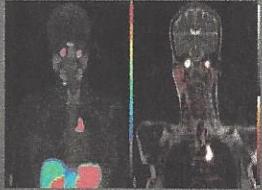


MRA

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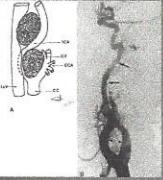
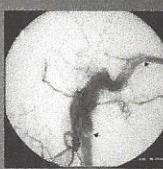
49 yo woman with history of multiple jugular paragangliomas required study to r/o carotid body tumors. Prior imaging revealed multiple cervical level II nodes



Dotatate MRI

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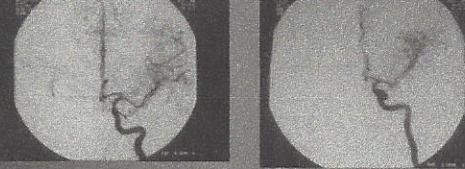
PARAGANGLIOMAS - Angiography

Defines flow characteristics – vascular supply, vessel displacement
Defines involvement/anastomoses with intracranial vessels

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Angiography with Carotid Occlusion

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ADVANTAGES OF EMBOLIZATION

- REDUCTION IN SIZE
- REDUCTION IN TUMOR BLOOD FLOW
 - DECREASED BLOOD LOSS
 - INCREASED EXPOSURE
 - PRESERVATION OF INTERNAL CAROTID AND CRANIAL NERVES
- AVOIDS EXTERNAL CAROTID LIGATION

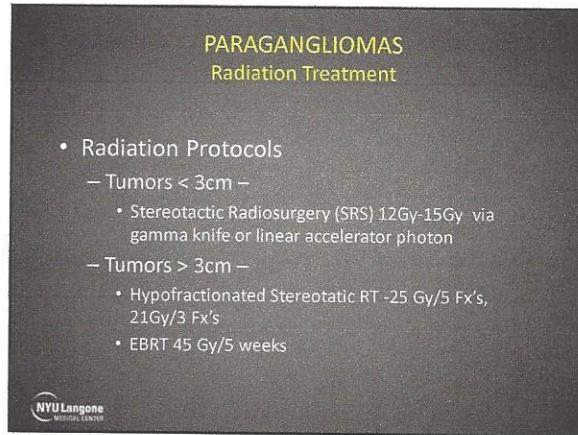
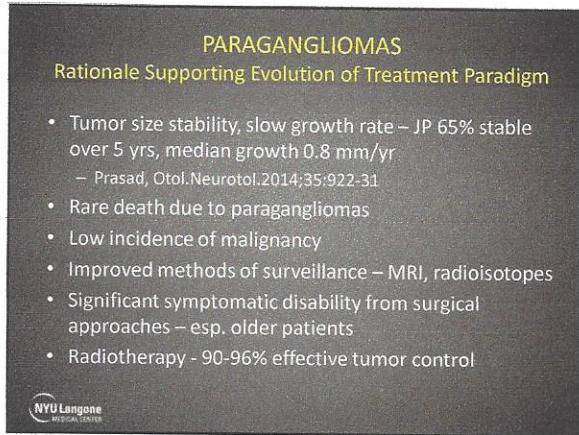
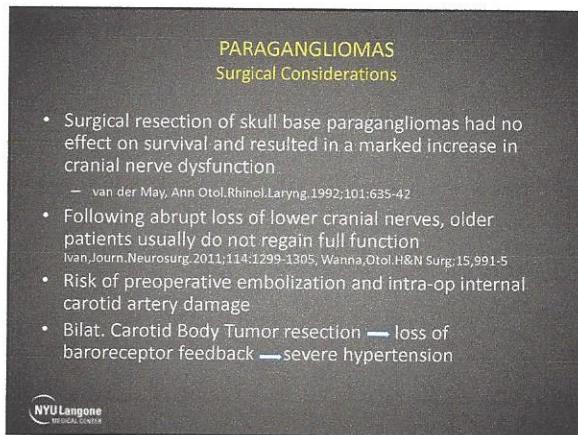
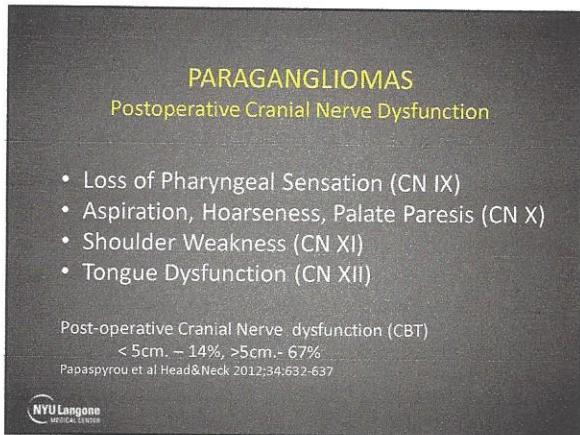
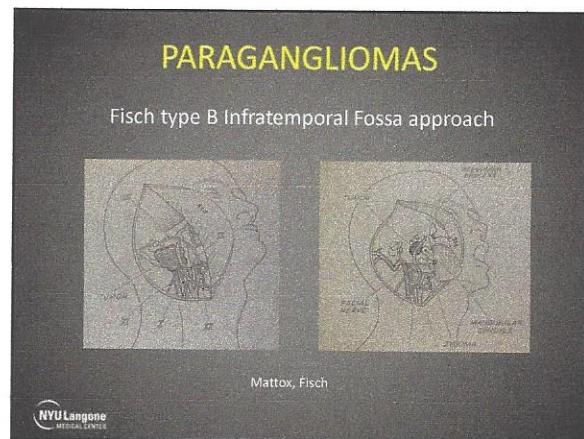
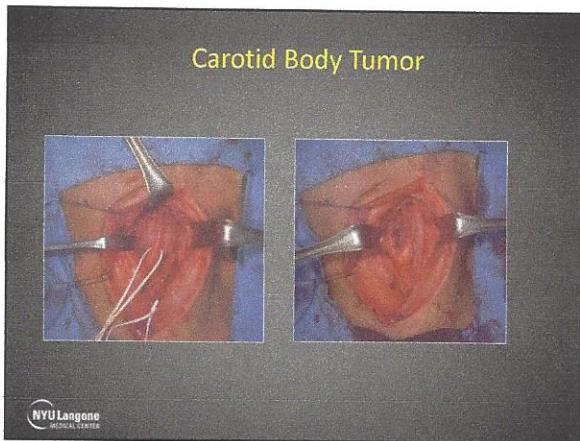
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Carotid Body Tumor

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PARAGANGLIOMAS Radiation Treatment

- Rare total tumor resolution
- “Local control” – tumor stability or regression without progression of neurological symptoms
 - 60% demonst. tumor shrinkage with an 8-45% decrease in size
- RT → obliterative endarteritis → fibrosis → shrinkage
 - effect on chief cells → involution

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PARAGANGLIOMAS Radiation Treatment

Cranial Neuropathy Response After Definitive Radiotherapy

Author	% Improved	% CR	% Worse
Fredrickson	33% (18/54)	0% (0/57)	4% (2/52)
Cummings	100% (10/10)	0% (0/10)	0%
Davies	28% (11/39)	NR	0%
Brown	50% (24/48)	NR	0%
Munster	50% (24/48)	NR	0%
Lybbert	17% (10/59)	0%	0%
Dickens	47% (17/36)	20% (6/50)	0%
Murphy	60% (20/33)	NR	0%
Pugh	0% (0/20)	NR	0%
Perez	20% (8/20)	NR	0%
Schultz	65% (25/38)	NR	0%

Improvement in cranial nerve function is inversely related to duration of cranial neuropathy.

Note: Three cases of new cranial neuropathy [2 CN V] after radiotherapy (84-162).

(Powers) et al. one reported a CN V with unclear cause (Davies).

CR=complete resolution, NR=not reported

*Neurology neuropathy stable or improved, excluded from total analysis of those improved.

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PARAGANGLIOMAS Radiation Treatment - Complications

- SRS – decreased hearing- 6.5%
- EBRT
 - Common – mucositis, otitis, dermatitis, xerostomia
 - Severe – osteoradionecrosis (1.5%), chronic otitis(1%), brain necrosis(0.8), cranial neuropathy(0.5%), radiation induced sarcoma(0.4%) – varies according to radiation technique and treatment site
- Experience counts – Univ. of Florida 45 yr. experience
 - 45 yr. experience treating 131 pts. With 156 tumors with mean f/u of 11.5 yrs – 0% severe complications

Gilbo, P, et al. External-beam radiation therapy for malignant paraganglioma of the head and neck. Am J Otolaryngol. 2015; 36(5): p. 692-6.

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PARAGANGLIOMAS Evolution of Treatment

- Natural History of Paragangliomas – warrants observation with serial imaging studies in select cases – no treatment
- Effectiveness of Radiation Therapy
- Development of New Medical Therapy – Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy (PRRT)
 - Lutathera (lutetium177-dotatate)
 - Azedra (iodenguane [MIBG] I131) – more marrow toxic, better for secreting tumors

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PARAGANGLIOMAS Indications for Surgery

- CBT < 5cm, in younger patients
- Tympanic paragangliomas confined to middle ear
- Smaller jugular paragangliomas (experienced surgeon)
- Secreting tumors
- Malignant paragangliomas

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