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Highlights

Pineoblastomas, usually found in children, are exceedingly rare in adults. Few reports have compared aspects of these tumors between adults and children. This study found:

- Of the 12 patients in this series, only 5 died of their disease (average length of survival 118 months), and 5 patients are still alive with no evidence of disease (average length of follow-up, 92 months).
- Patients with subtotal resections or diagnostic biopsies did not suffer a worse prognosis.
- Progression-free survival and overall survival are much higher for adult patients than for children
- Data suggest that pineoblastomas have a less aggressive clinical course in adults than in children.

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