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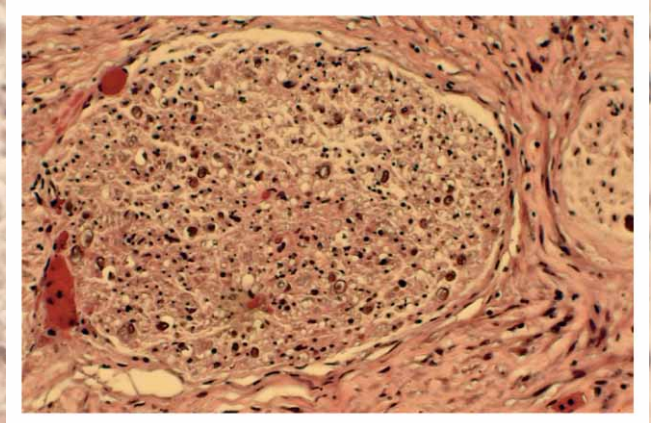
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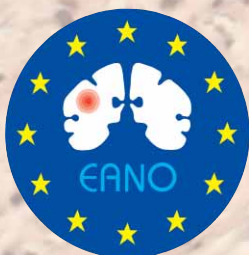
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In Austria, neurooncology at present is represented by various subspecialties such as neurology (ARGE Neurooncology of the Austrian Society for Neurology), neurosurgery (ARGE for Neurosurgical Oncology [ANCO]), experts from clinical oncology, radiooncology, neuropathology, and basic science, as well as multiple centres with interdisciplinary tumour-boards with neurooncological expertise in brain tumour and spinal tumour management, neurological complications of cancer, neurotoxicities of anticancer treatments, paraneoplastic neurological syndromes, as well as palliative care and quality-of-life issues.

On July 1, 2011, Austrian neurooncologists officially founded a joint Austrian Society for Neurooncology (SANO), which, for the first time, invites Austrian members from all medical subspecialties involved in the neurooncological field to facilitate and enhance cooperation. This accommodates the international trend towards national, interdisciplinary neurooncological societies, which are already established in many other European countries.

One of the main goals of the SANO will be to concentrate information on neurooncological studies and centres as well as contact persons throughout Austria. We will also elaborate on specifically Austrian diagnostic and therapeutic guidelines on different neurooncological topics in cooperation with other European neurooncological societies. We also plan to develop an annual Austrian neurooncological meeting for education and training. A platform for patients and carers will also be provided.

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