

Lecture Abstract

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The Diagnosis of Small Round Blue Cell Tumors of Childhood

Small round cell tumors of childhood present special diagnostic challenges because many of them bear a striking similarity to one another on routine hematoxylin-and-eosin staining yet have different clinical treatments and prognoses. We will explore the modern diagnostic technique of immunohistochemistry and various molecular diagnostic techniques that allow a rapid, accurate, and specific diagnosis in most instances. We will also explore various biologic makers that are of not only diagnostic usefulness but of prognostic significance in small round blue cell tumors.

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