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Low Flow Vascular Malformations

I.S.S.V.A. Classification

- Haemangioma Proliferation
- Vascular Malformation Disorder of development
 - Arteriovenous malformations High Flow
 - Venous malformations
 - Lymphatic malformations
 - Glomuvenous malformations
 - Complex lymphovenous malformations
 - Capillary malformations (Port Wine stain)

Low Flow

Low Flow Malformations

- Clinical Features
- Investigations
- Treatment
 - Conservative
 - Surgical
 - Interventional radiology
- Pathophysiology

Venous Malformation



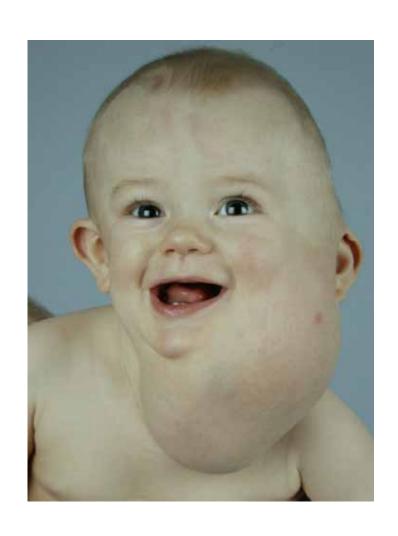


Venous Malformations





Lymphatic Malformations





Lymphatic malformations



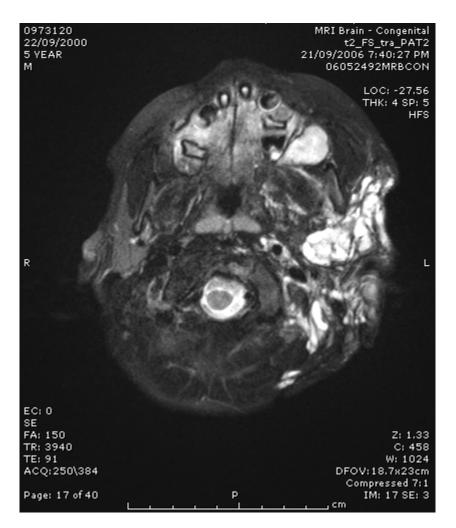


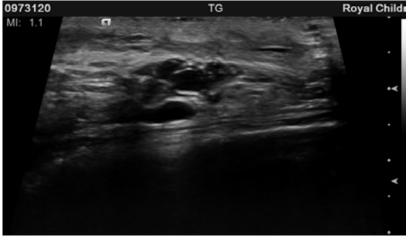
Venous v Lymphatic malformation

- Blood filled v Lymphatic fluid filled
- Continuous with circulation v isolated cysts
- Markers of lymphatic v vascular differentiation
 - VEGFR-3
 - $-D_240$ (Podoplanin)
 - CD31 / CD34

Investigations

- Medical Imaging
 - MRI
 - Ultrasound









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- CT Scanogram for leg length
- Bloods
 - D-Dimer breakdown product of fibinogen

Management

• Define the Problem



Management

- Define the Problem
 - Pain
 - Continuous, use related, episodic
 - Appearance
 - Intermittent swelling
 - Infection
 - Functional impairment
- Treat the problem

Acute swelling in low flow malformations

- Haemorrhage
- Thrombosis
- Infection
 - Acute infection can reduce size of macrocystic LM
 - Recurrent infections lead to increase in size



Treatment

Interventional radiology

Surgery

Injection Sclerotherapy

- Needle access under ultrasound
- Direct puncture angiography
- Injection
 - Sodium Tetradecol
 - Polidocanol
 - Ethanol
 - Bleomycin
 - Doxycycline
 - OK432

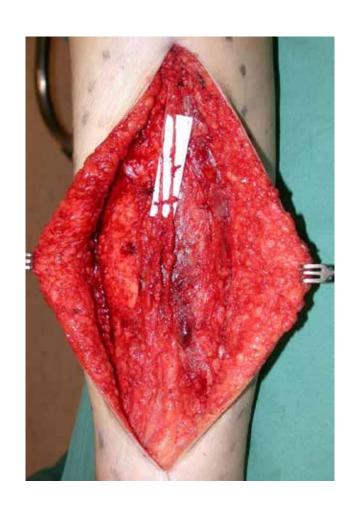
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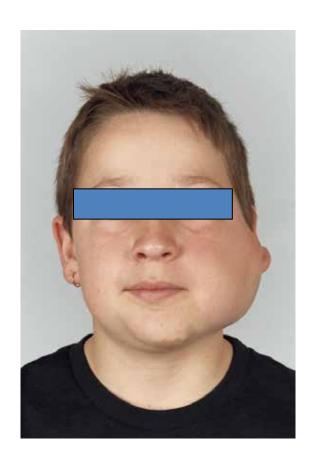
- Multiple treatments
- Not a 'cure'
- Best for macrocystic LM
- Can be good for pain in VM
- Highly specialised interventional radiology

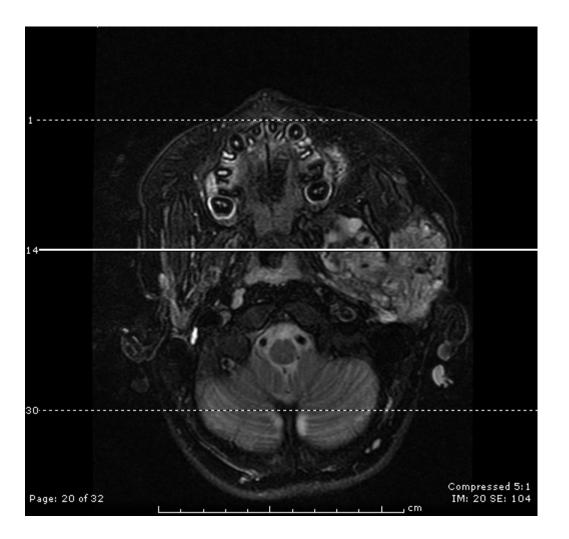


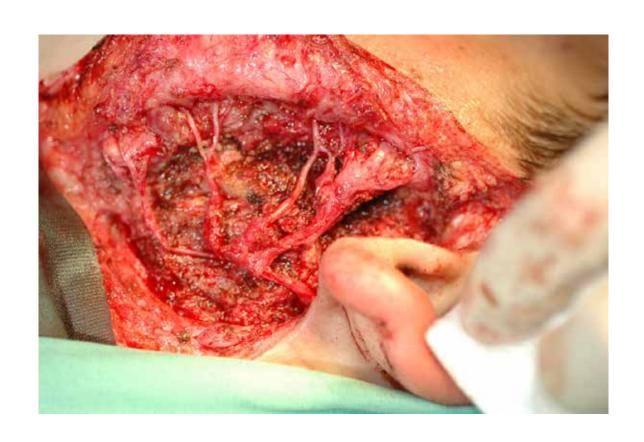
Surgery

- Have a defined objective
- Clear one area as completely as possible
- Preserve cutaneous nerves
 - Meticulous dissection

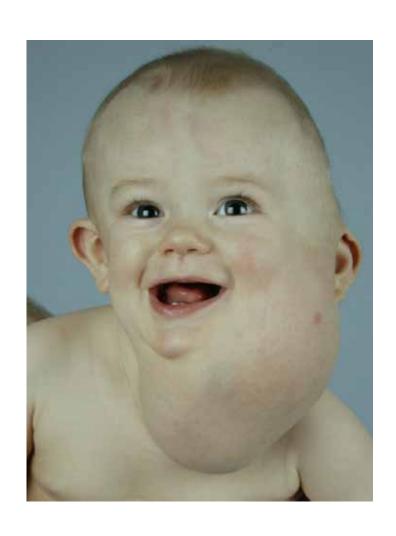








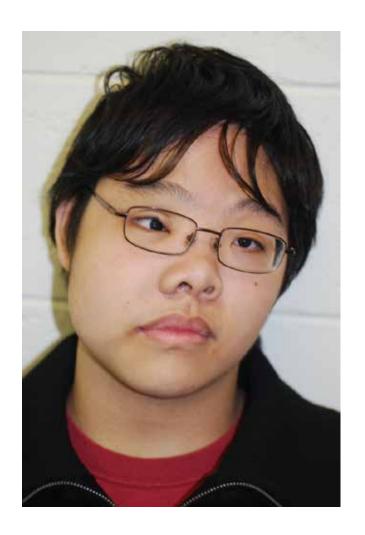
Lymphatic Malformations





Venous Malformation surgery









Pathophysiology of low flow malformations

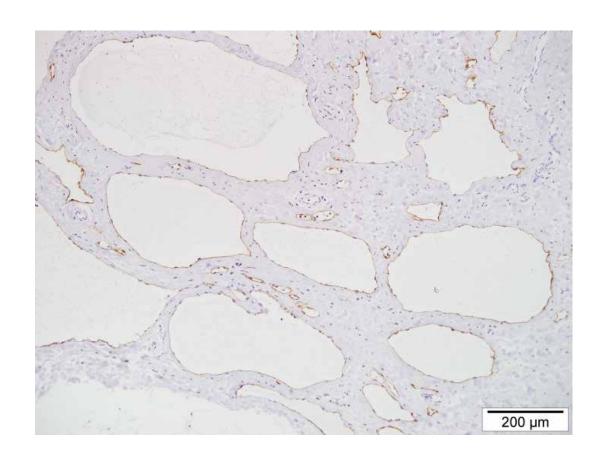
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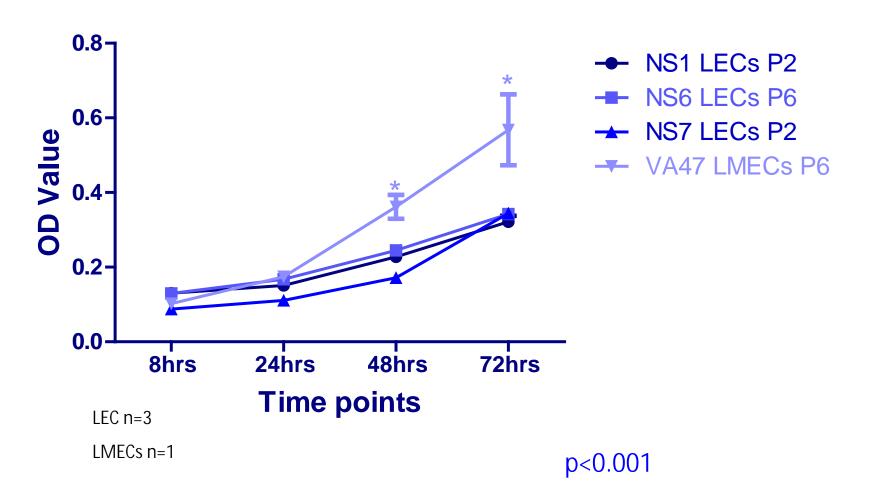


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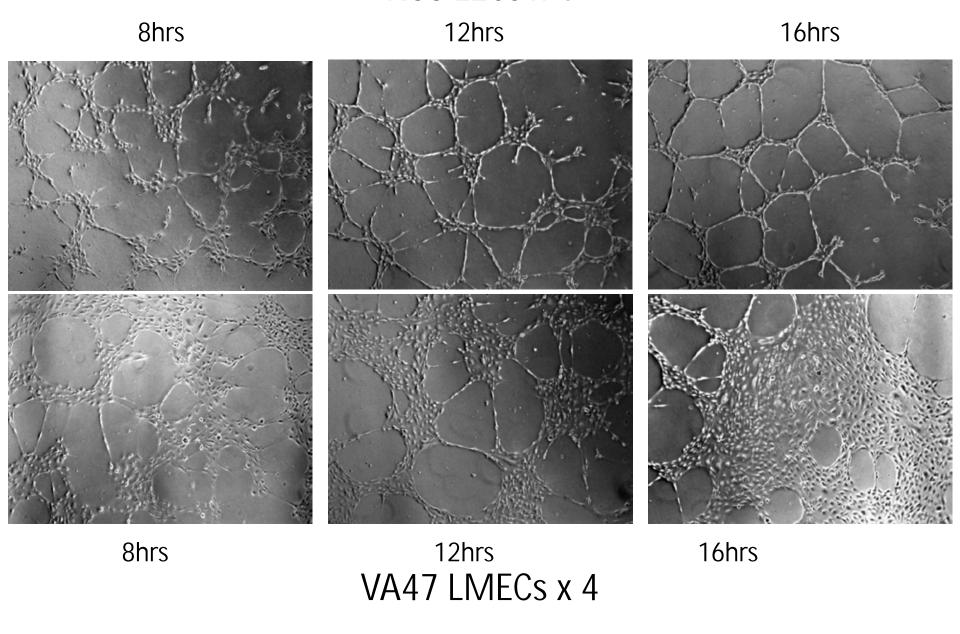
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- Sporadic lesions may be due to intersection of two separate somatic mutations.



Proliferation Assay LECs vs. LMECs

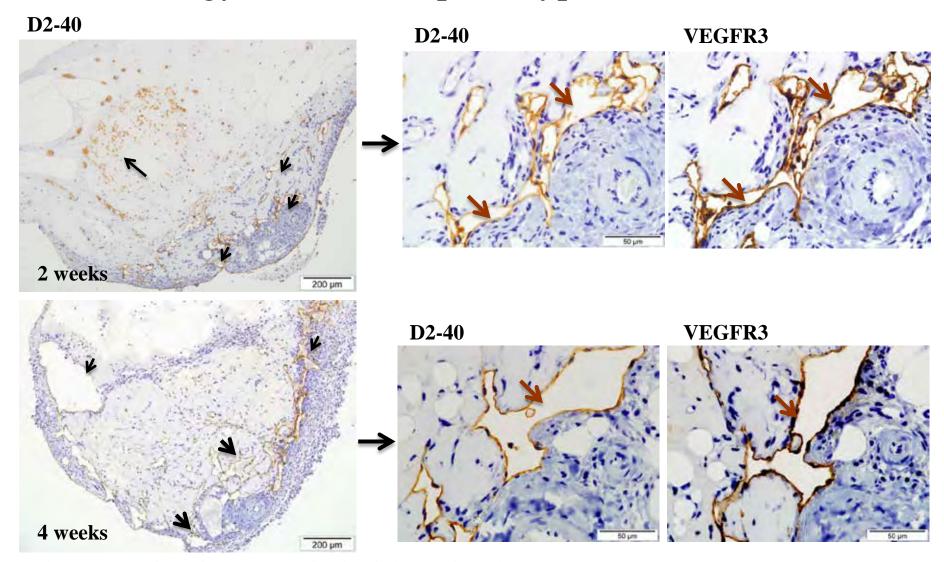


NS6 LECs x 4



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Murine Model: Histology and Immunophenotypic Characterisation



Indirect immunohistochemistry visualised with diaminobenzidine (DAB)