

of congenital factors in the production of this systemic disease of the peripheral nerves (neurofibromatosis).

Trauma plays a doubtful role in the causation of neurogenic sarcomas, according to Cutler and Quick, who obtained a traumatic history in 19.3 per cent of their cases (14 out of 72). Hartman stated that trauma cannot be considered as a true etiological factor in the production of these tumors, although it may be an activating one, while Coley and Higinbotham asserted that neurogenic sarcomas may have a traumatic origin.

Neuromas, which are blastomatoid hyperplasias of Schwann's cells, fibroblasts, and nerve fibrils, are the result of traumatic injuries to peripheral nerves (Faworsky). While they are observed most frequently as so-called amputation-neuromas in the stumps of amputated extremities, they are seen occasionally as painful, nodular formations in nerves previously exposed to some kind of trauma.

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