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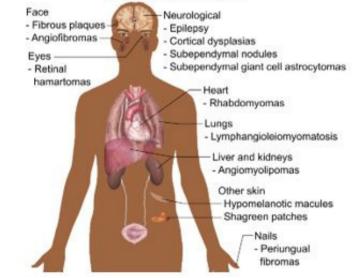
#### **Histological Findings**

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- Hypomelanotic Macules:
- Show a decreased number of melanocytes or melanin, resulting in the lighter appearance of the skin.
- Angiofibromas:
- Consist of fibrous tissue, blood vessels, dilated blood-filled spaces
- Shagreen Patch:
- Characterized by dermal collagen bundles arranged in a whorled pattern
- Ungual Fibromas:
- Composed of fibrous tissue with thin-walled blood vessels

#### **Other Clinical Features**

#### **Tuberous sclerosis**





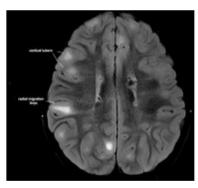


## **OTHER CLINICAL FEATURES**

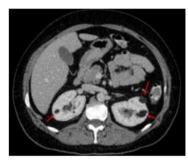
• Neurological:

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• Cortical Tubers: Hamartomas in the brain's cortex, leading to seizures (often the first sign in infancy)



- Subependymal Nodules: Calcified nodules along the ventricles, which can progress to subependymal giant cell astrocytomas
- Intellectual Disability: Common, varying from mild to severe.
- Renal:
- Angiomyolipomas: Benign tumours made up of blood vessels, muscle, fat, often found in the kidneys







### **OTHER CLINICAL FEATURES**

- Cysts: Simple renal cysts can also occur
- Cardiac:

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- Rhabdomyomas: Benign tumours of the heart muscle, often present at birth, can cause obstructive symptoms in severe cases.
- Pulmonary:
- Lymphangioleiomyomatosis: A lung condition seen primarily in women, characterized by cysts and smooth muscle growth leading to respiratory issues.

#### Diagnosis

- Diagnosis of TSC is based on the presence of major and minor criteria.
- The presence of two major features or one major and two minor features confirms the diagnosis.

| Criteria             | Major  | Minor  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Skin Lesions         | Hypomelanotic macules, facial<br>angiofibromas, shagreen<br>patch, ungual fibromas | Confetti skin lesions, dental<br>enamel pits, intraoral fibromas |
| Neurological Lesions | Cortical tubers, subependymal<br>nodules, SEGAs                                    | White matter migration lines                                     |
| Renal Lesions        | Angiomyolipomas  | Renal cysts  |
| Cardiac Lesions      | Rhabdomyomas   | 0 <del>-</del> 1   |
| Pulmonary Lesions    | Lymphangioleiomyomatosis<br>(LAM)  | -  |
| Ophthalmic Lesions   | Retinal hamartomas   | Retinal achromic patches   |

• Genetic Testing: Identification of mutations in TSC1 or TSC2 genes can confirm the diagnosis





# TREATMENT

- Seizure Management:
- Antiepileptic drugs are commonly used
- Surgical intervention may be necessary for refractory seizures due to cortical tubers.
- Tumour Treatment:
- Everolimus (an mTOR inhibitor) is used for the treatment
- Surgical removal of symptomatic or large tumours
- Skin Lesion Treatment:
- Laser therapy
- Topical rapamycin for reducing the size and redness of facial angiofibromas
- Regular Monitoring:
- MRI scans for brain and renal tumours
- Regular eye exams to check for retinal hamartomas
- Cardiac evaluations for children with TSC

