

## Vascular Conditions of the Brain

### Cavernous Malformation

A **cavernous malformation** is an abnormality of blood vessels with multiple dilated chambers (caverns) with slowly flowing blood (Figure 6). They superficially resemble blackberries. Cavernous malformations can cause problems when one of the caverns dramatically expands, usually temporarily. They can also hemorrhage into the brain, and can cause seizures.

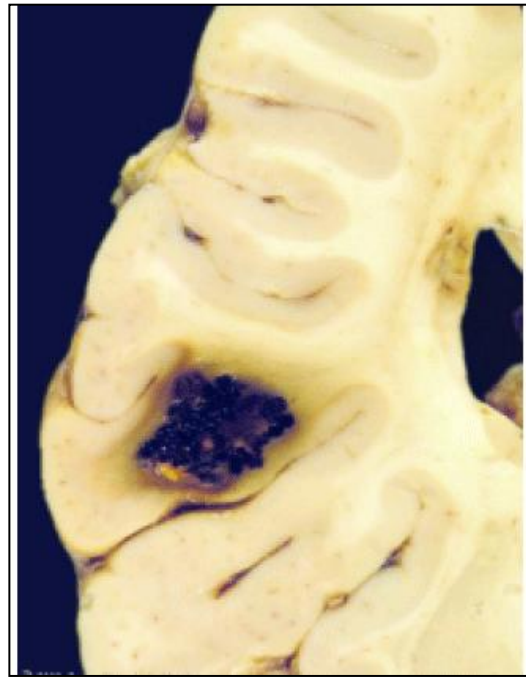


Figure 6: Post-mortem brain specimen showing a cavernous malformation.