



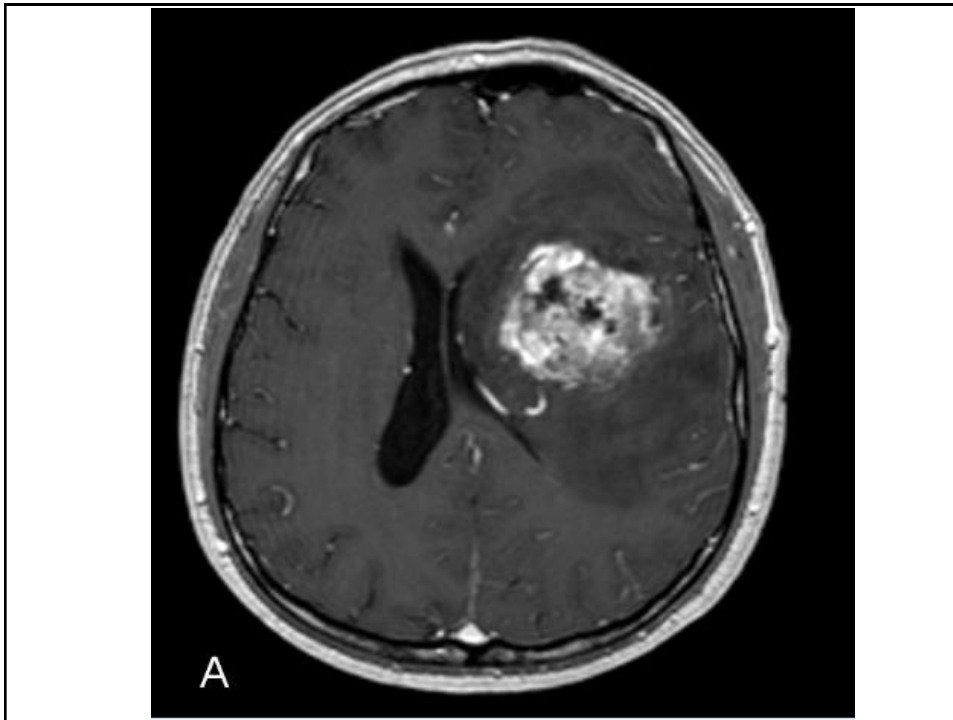
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& Neurological Disease
28 February 2018, 7 Bedford Row, London**

Cranial surgery

- Common tumour types
- Signs and symptoms
- Imaging procedures employed
- Surgical treatments
- Consequences of the delay in diagnosis

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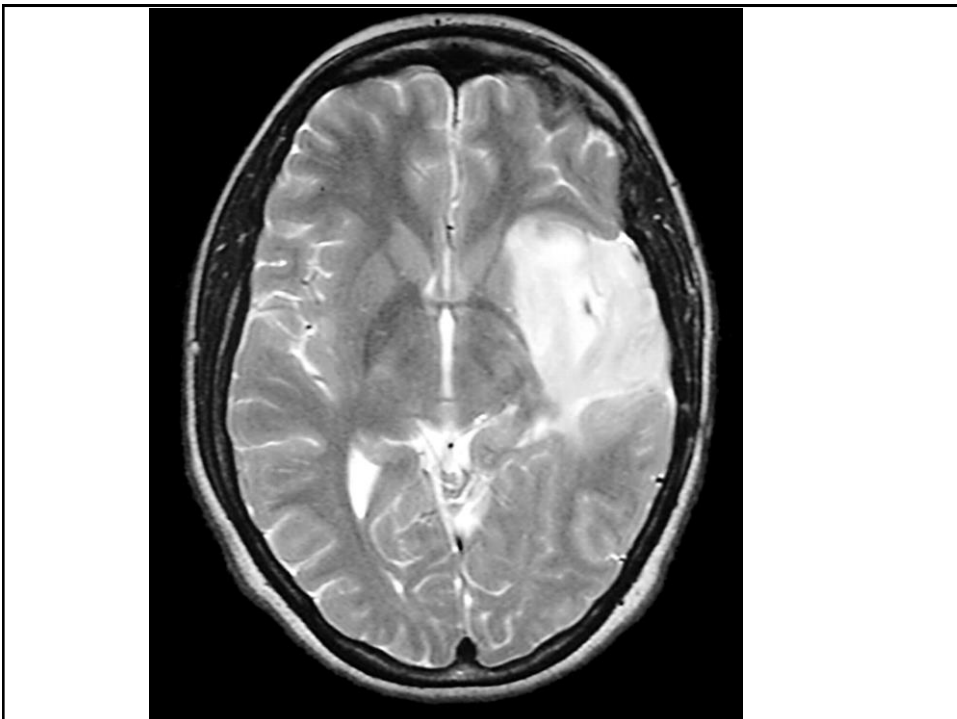
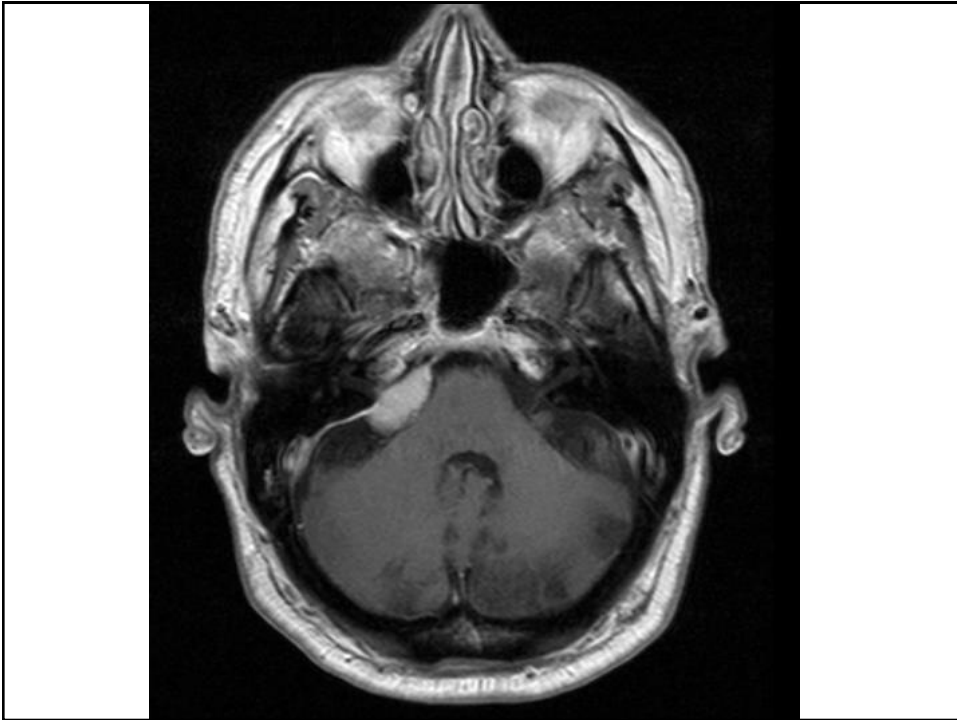
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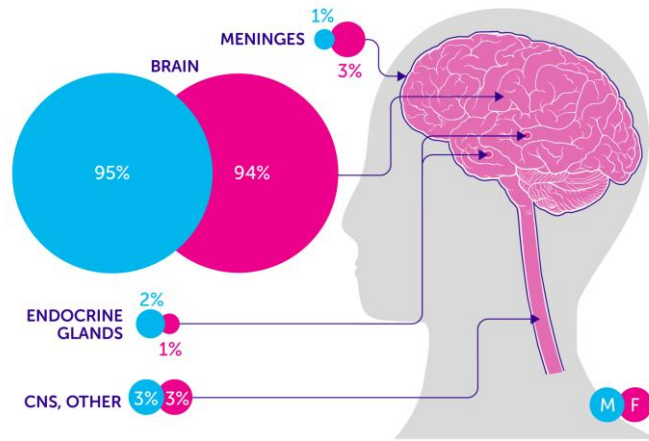
REVIEW

The 2016 World Health Organization Classification of Tumors of the Central Nervous System: a summary

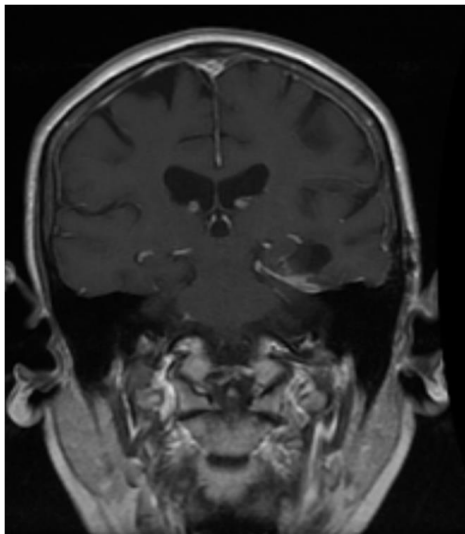
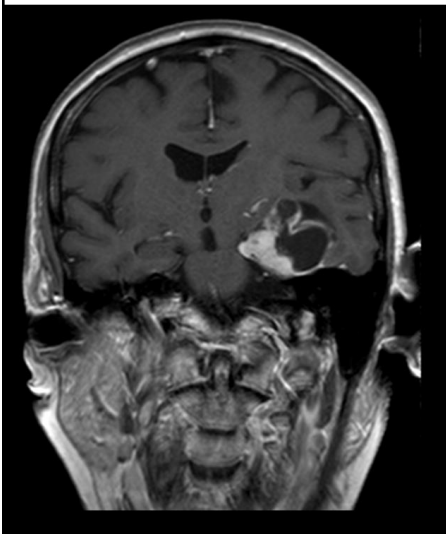
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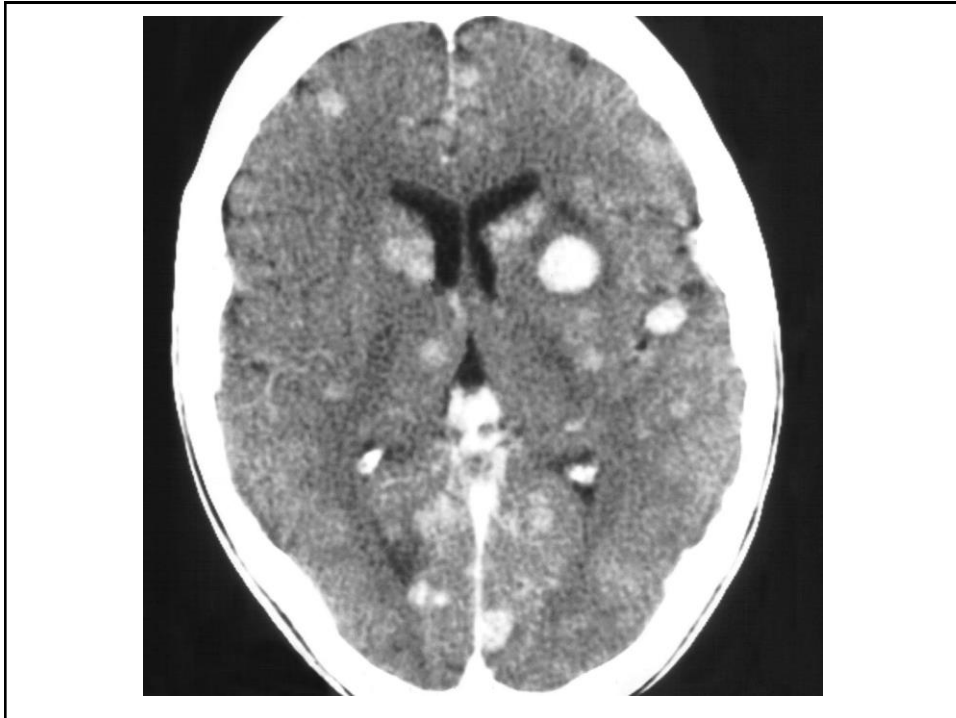


**MALIGNANT BRAIN, OTHER CNS AND INTRACRANIAL TUMOURS:
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION BY ANATOMICAL SITE**



LET'S BEAT CANCER SOONER
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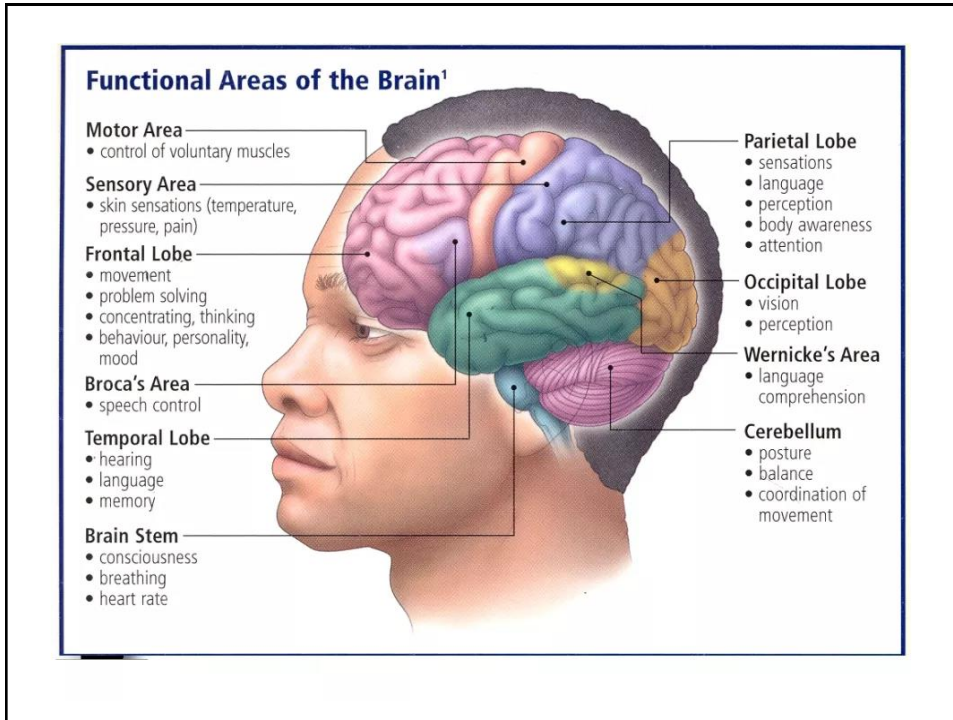




What symptoms do brain tumours cause?

Brain tumours present in three main ways:

1. Headaches – this is due to an increase in the pressure within the skull caused by the expanding tumour and any swelling associated with it. These headaches are often worse at night, in the early hours of the morning and may sometimes be associated with vomiting or visual disturbance.
2. Changes in function – due to damage to, or pressure on, certain areas of the brain. For example, a tumour in the right hemisphere might cause weakness of the left side of the body. Tumours in the frontal lobes might cause changes in personality or behaviour.
3. Seizures (fits or epilepsy) – due to irritation of certain areas of the brain causing neurones to fire-off uncontrollably. These may be focal (partial) fits causing a jerking or twitching of one or more limbs, which is commonly followed by a period of paralysis in the affected limb (which then recovers). There may also be generalised fits (often termed an epileptic fit) in which there is loss of consciousness, twitching of all the limbs and often tongue biting and incontinence.



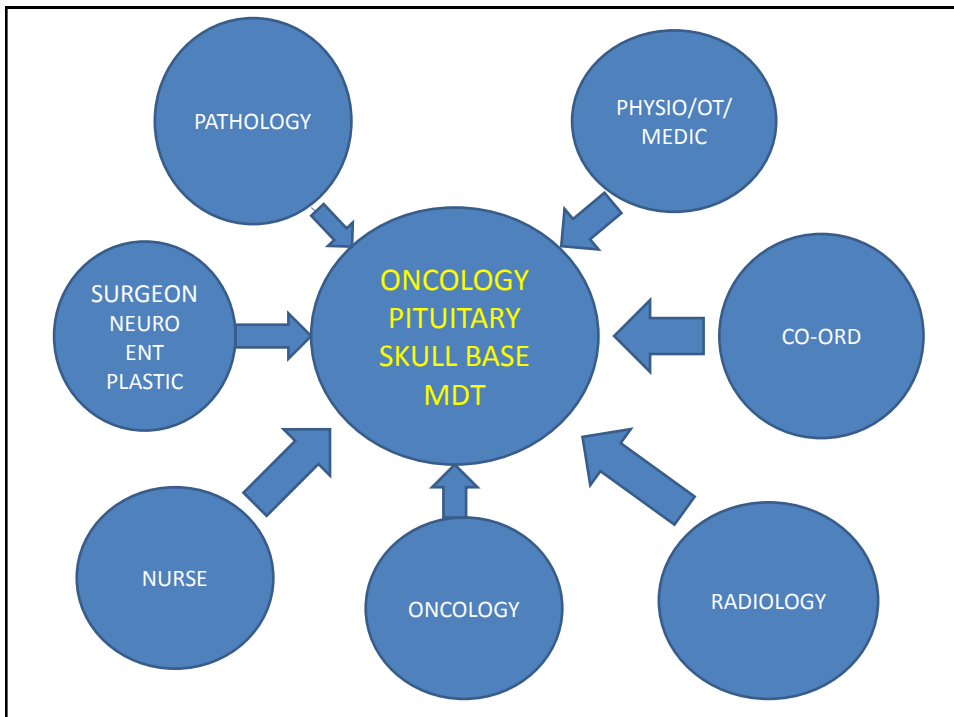
New presentation of Brain Tumour

- Neuro-oncology MDT
Intrinsic tumours, Meningiomas,
Lymphoma, metastatic tumours
- Skull Base MDT
All tumours involving skull base
- Pituitary MDT
All pituitary and Para pituitary disease



Improving Outcomes: A Strategy for Cancer

January 2011





Treatments

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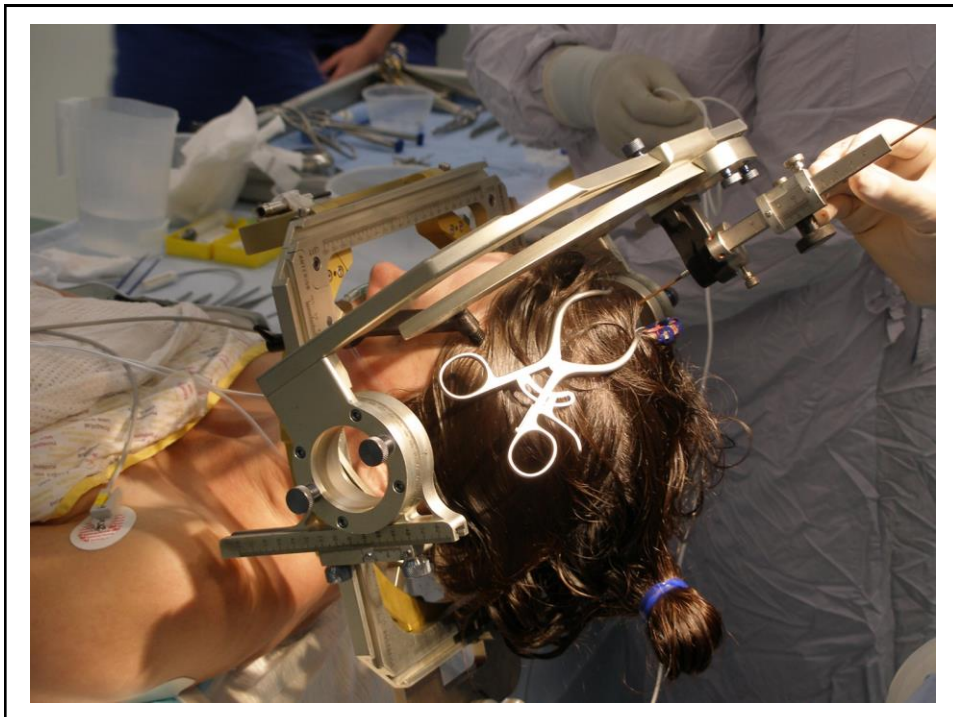
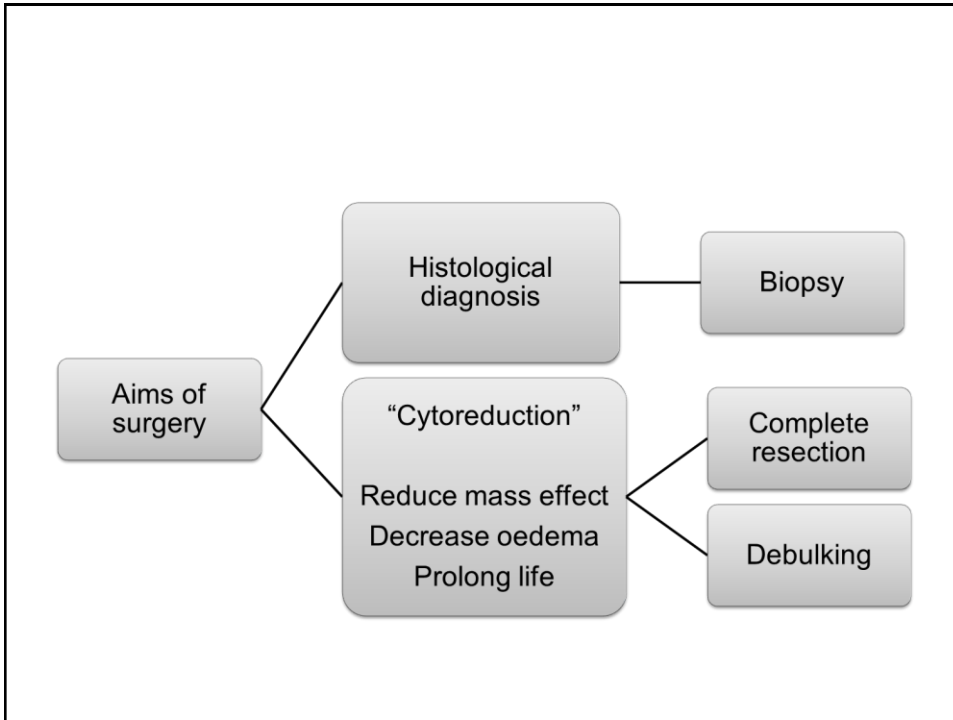
Brain Cancer
Breakthroughs

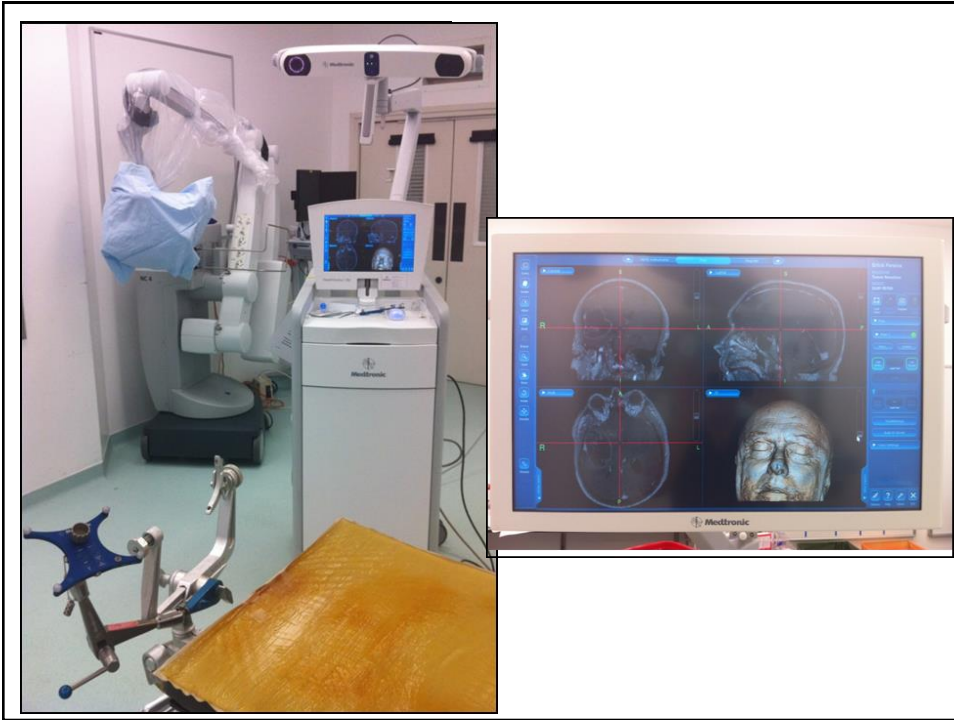
People with brain tumors have several treatment options. The options are surgery, radiation therapy, and chemotherapy. Many people get a combination of treatments. The choice of treatment depends mainly on the following:

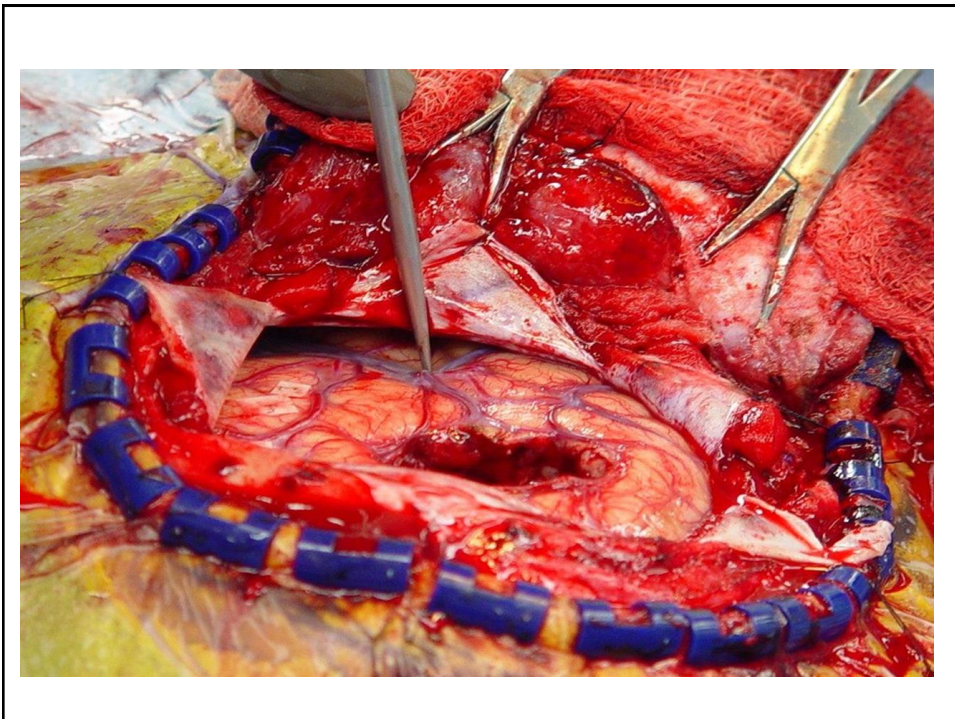
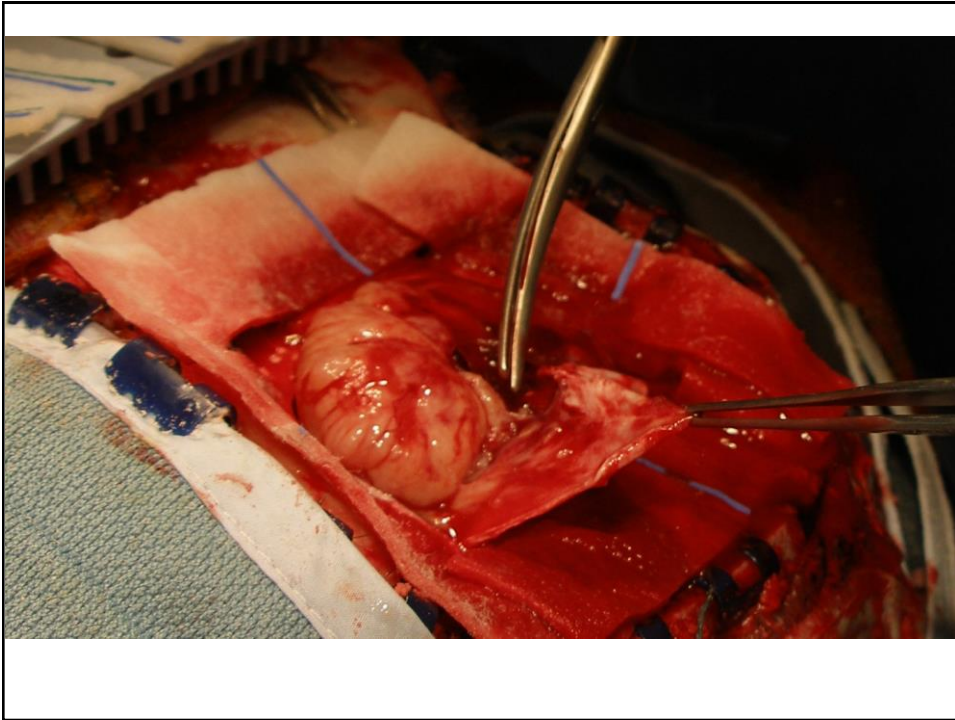
- The type and grade of brain tumor
- Its location in the brain
- Its size
- Your age and general health

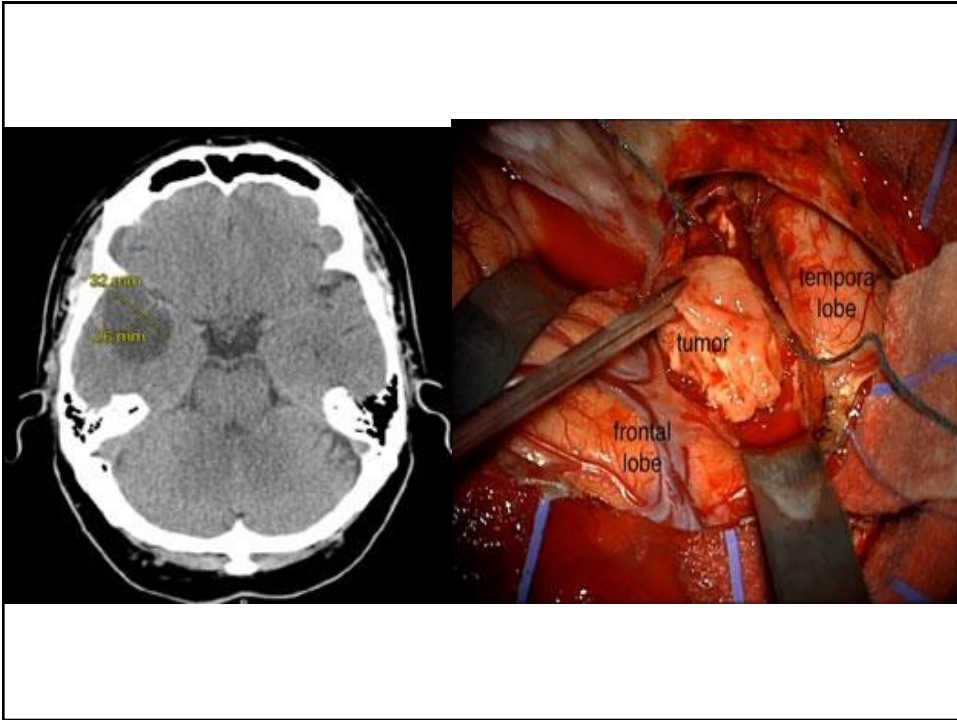
But not mentioned.....

- The importance of Personal choice
- The Option of no treatment and accept the natural history

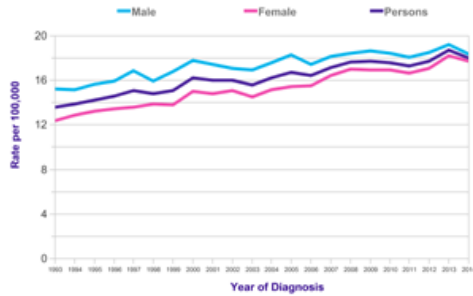




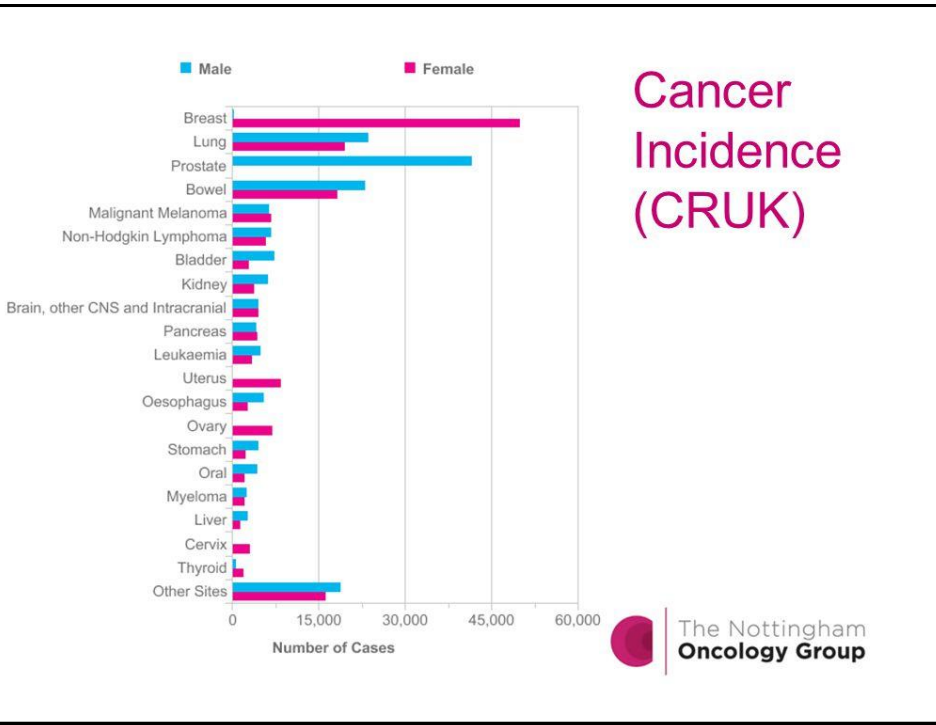




Brain, Other CNS and Intracranial Tumours (C70-C72, C75.1-C75.3, D32-D33, D35.2-D35.4, D42-D43, D44.3-D44.5): 1993-2014
European Age-Standardised Incidence Rates per 100,000 Population, by Sex, UK

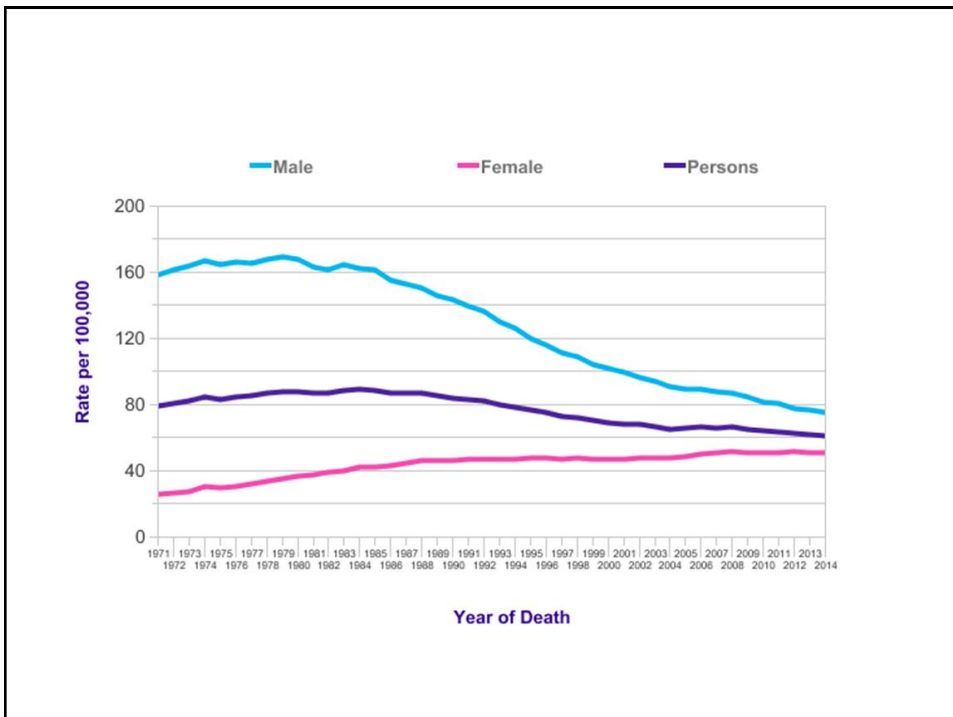
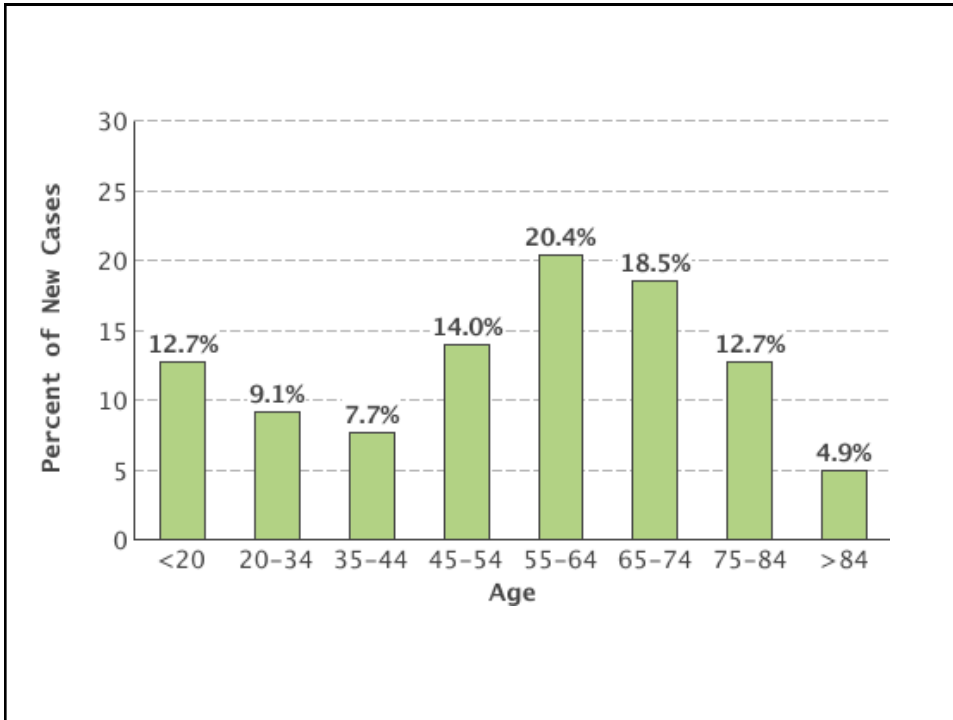


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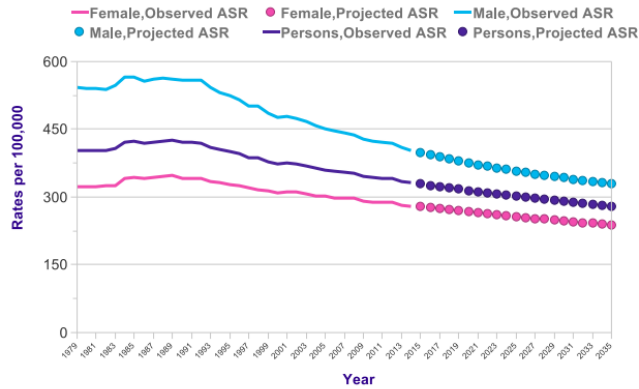
Cancer Incidence (CRUK)





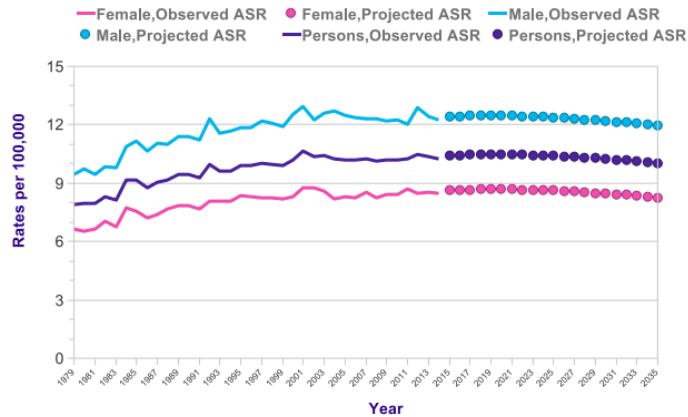
All Cancers Excluding Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer Plus Benign Brain Other CNS and Intracranial Tumours (C00-C97 (Excl. C44) D32-D33 D35.2-D35.4 D42-D43 D44.3-D44.5): 1979-2035

Observed and Projected Age-standardised Mortality Rates, by Sex, UK



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Observed and Projected Age-standardised Mortality Rates, by Sex, UK



Source: cruk.org/cancerstats

One-, Five- and Ten-Year Net Survival (%), Adults Aged 15-99, England & Wales

		1-Year Survival (%)	5-Year Survival (%)	10-Year Survival (%)
Men	Net Survival	41.0	17.8	12.8
	95% LCL	40.7	16.3	9.9
	95% UCL	41.4	19.4	16.1
Women	Net Survival	38.8	19.5	14.4
	95% LCL	38.3	17.9	11.5
	95% UCL	39.2	21.1	17.7
Adults	Net Survival	40.1	18.5	13.5
	95% LCL	39.8	17.4	11.4
	95% UCL	40.4	19.6	15.8

Five- and Ten-year survival has been predicted for patients diagnosed in 2010-2011 (using an excess hazard statistical model)
95% LCL and 95% UCL are the 95% lower and upper confidence limits

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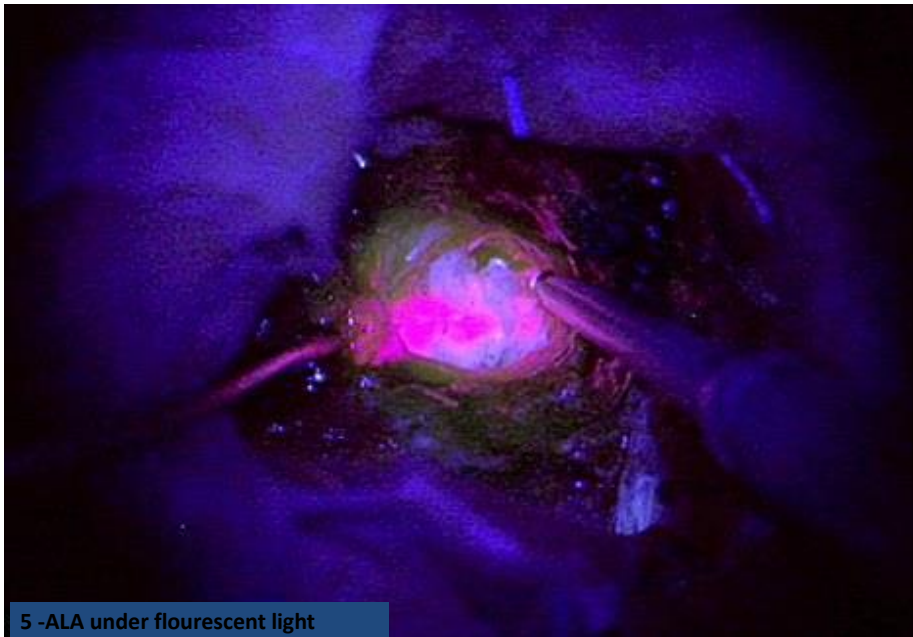
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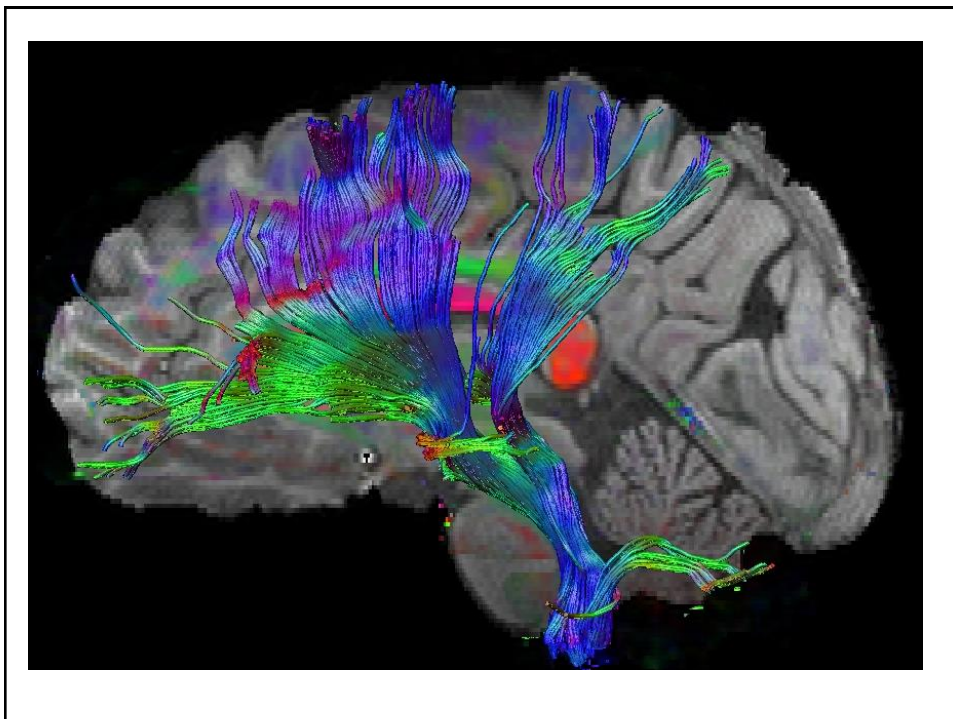
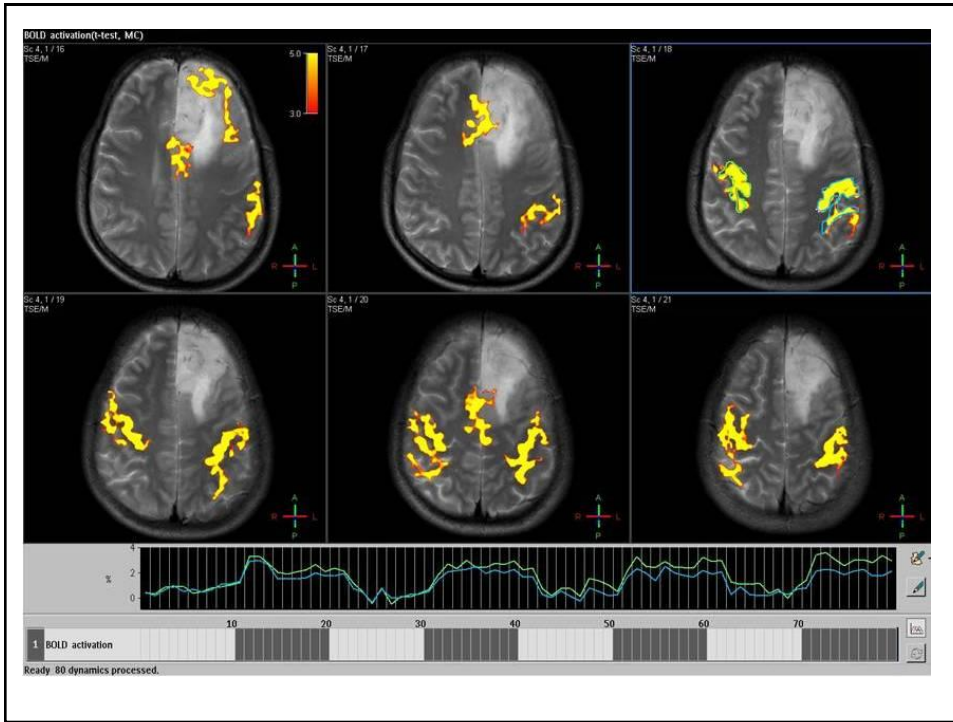
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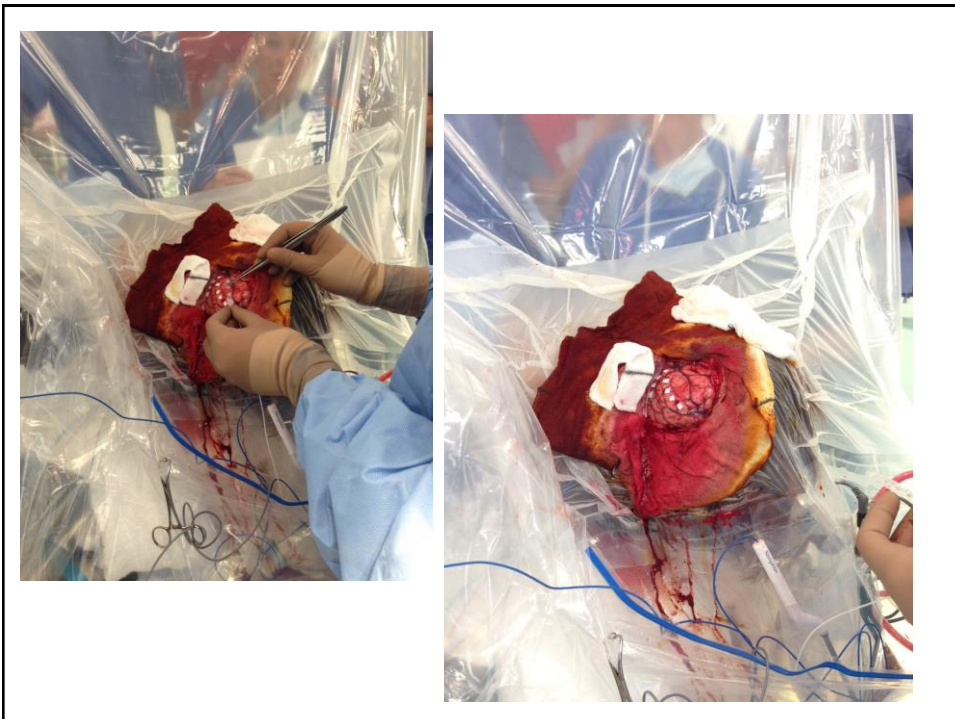
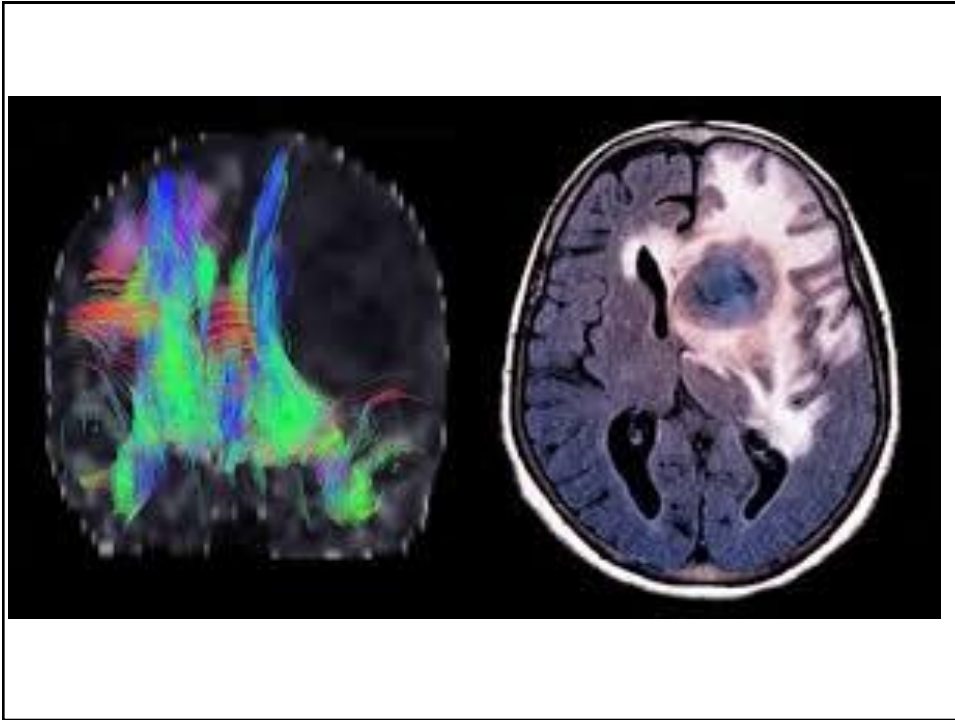


Brain Cancer (C71): 2010-2011

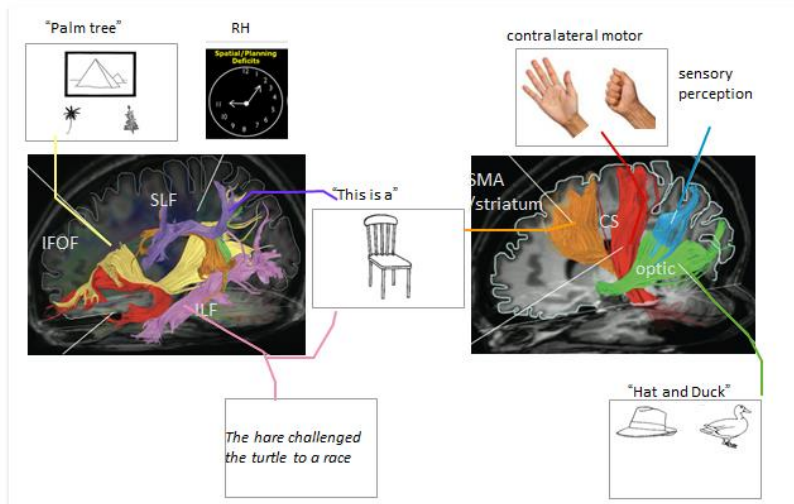


5 -ALA under flourescent light



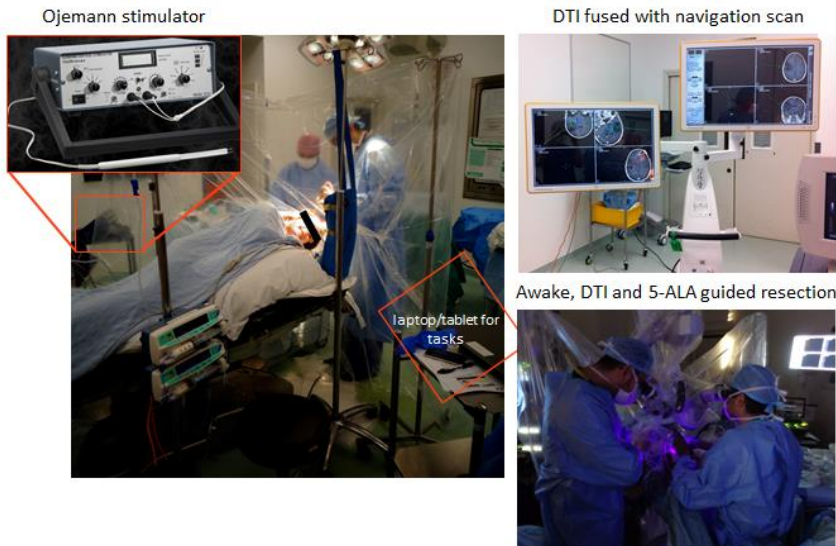


Awake Mapping Tasks



Coello et al., JNS. 2013

Awake Intraoperative set-up





Multi

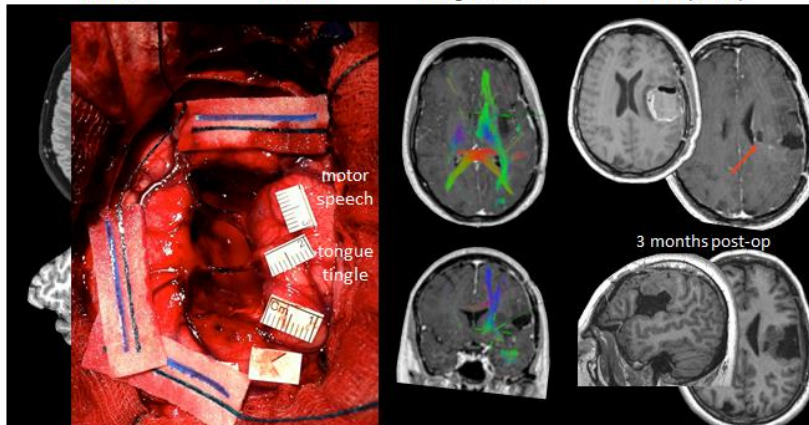
32 yo R-handed F, swimming instructor. Seizures.

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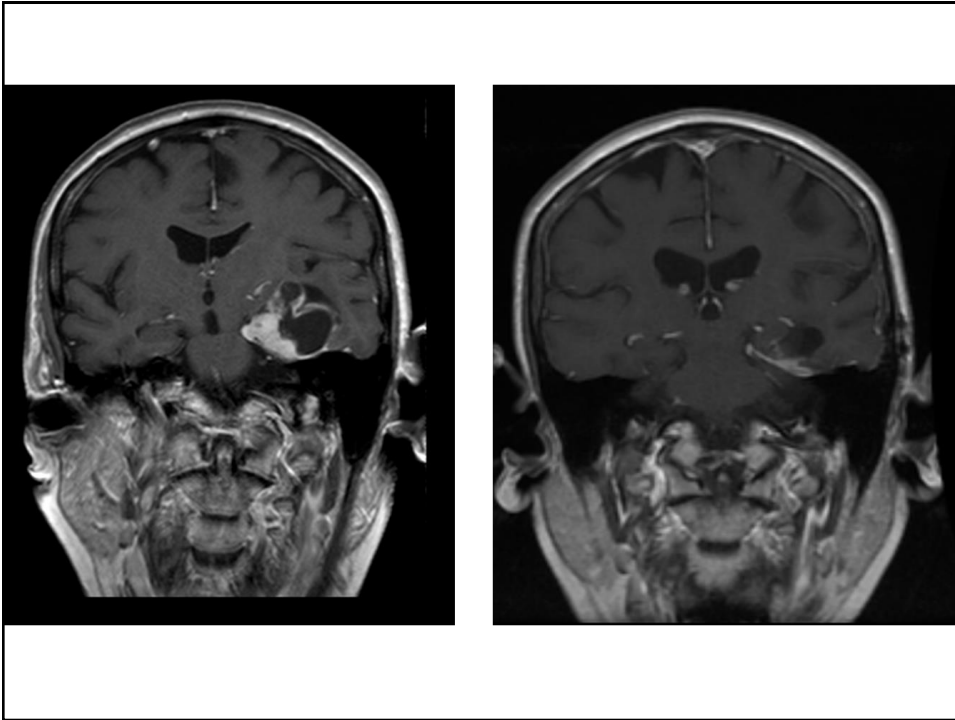
fMRI + DT

Navigation scan

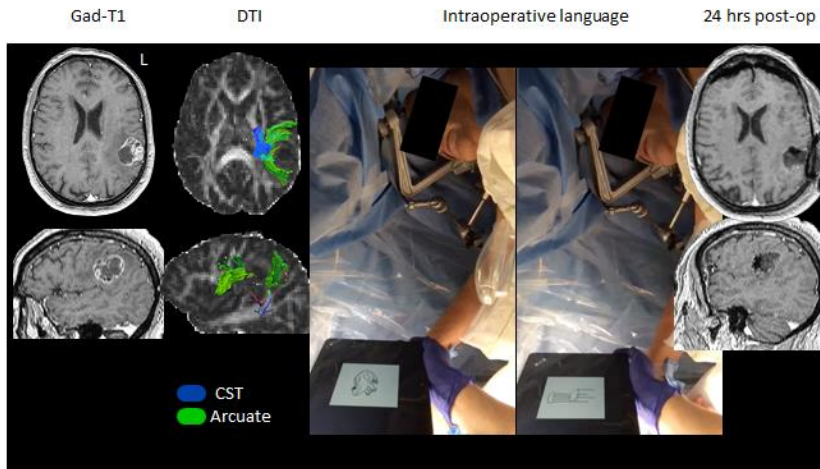
24 hrs post-op



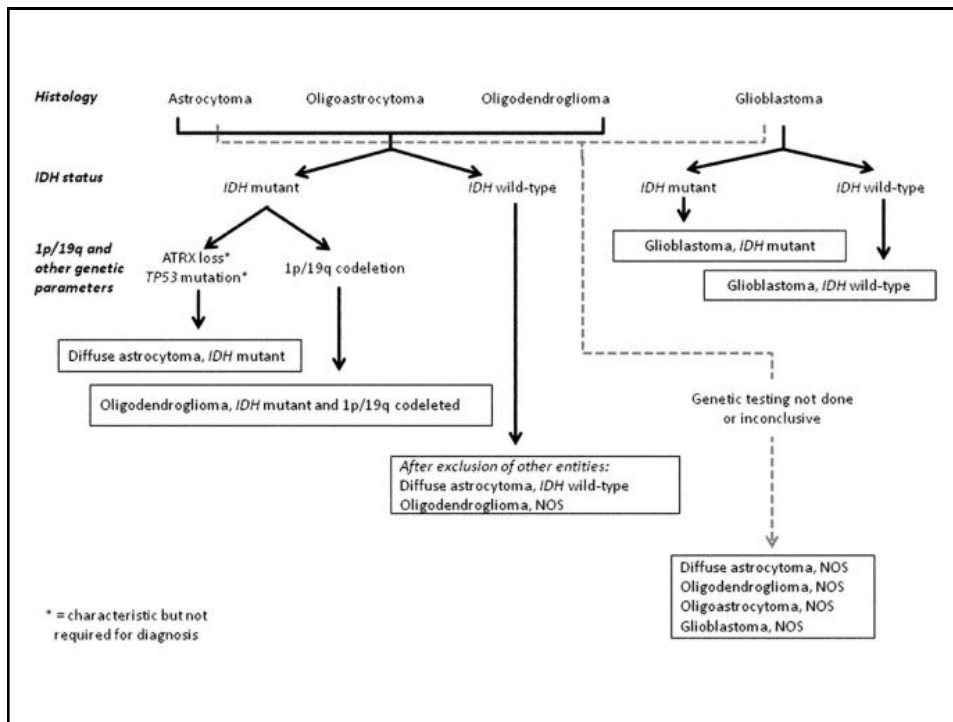
3mA: CST hand tingling; ant-inf IFOF speech errors. During resection difficulties repeating full sentences, multiple omissions and errors upon stimulation. Progressive difficulties + sudden self-reported drop in fluency. Intact fluency and naming at 6 months postop. Motor recovery with physiotherapy.



SLF 68 y.o. R-handed M; speech disturbance & parasthesia



@ 4MA, medial / anterior arcuate : neologisms and phonemic errors and slowing.



	IDH-wildtype glioblastoma	IDH-mutant glioblastoma	References
Synonym	Primary glioblastoma, IDH-wildtype	Secondary glioblastoma, IDH-mutant	{1830}
Precursor lesion	Not identifiable; develops de novo	Diffuse astrocytoma Anaplastic astrocytoma	{1827}
Proportion of glioblastomas	~90%	~10%	{1797}
Median age at diagnosis	~62 years	~44 years	{214,1078,1797, 2103}
Male-to-female ratio	1.42:1	1.05:1	{214,1417,1797}
Mean length of clinical history	4 months	15 months	{1797}
Median overall survival			
Surgery + radiotherapy	9.9 months	24 months	{1797}
Surgery + radiotherapy + chemotherapy	15 months	31 months	{2810}
Location	Supratentorial	Preferentially frontal	{1417}
Necrosis	Extensive	Limited	{1417}
TERT promoter mutations	72%	26%	{1801,1830}
TP53 mutations	27%	81%	{1797}
ATRX mutations	Exceptional	71%	{1519}
EGFR amplification	35%	Exceptional	{1797}
PTEN mutations	24%	Exceptional	{1797}

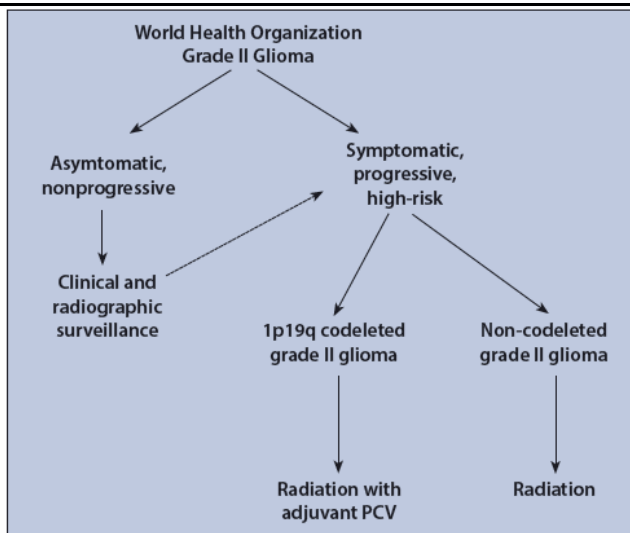


Figure: Suggested Treatment Algorithm for Grade II Gliomas Based on Recent Emerging Data From RTOG 9802—The findings of this study demonstrate the importance of immunohistochemistry and molecular data in guiding treatment selection. Timing of treatment in grade II gliomas is based on clinical symptomatology, radiographic progression, and patient-specific risk. Further reporting of molecular data from the RTOG 9802 trial and ongoing studies will continue to inform this algorithm. RTOG = Radiation Therapy Oncology Group.

Adjuvant therapies

Types of external radiotherapy

- conformal radiotherapy.
- intensity modulated radiotherapy (IMRT)
- image guided radiotherapy (IGRT)
- 4-dimensional radiotherapy (4D-RT)
- stereotactic radiotherapy and radiosurgery.
- proton therapy.
- electron beam radiotherapy.
- adaptive radiotherapy.

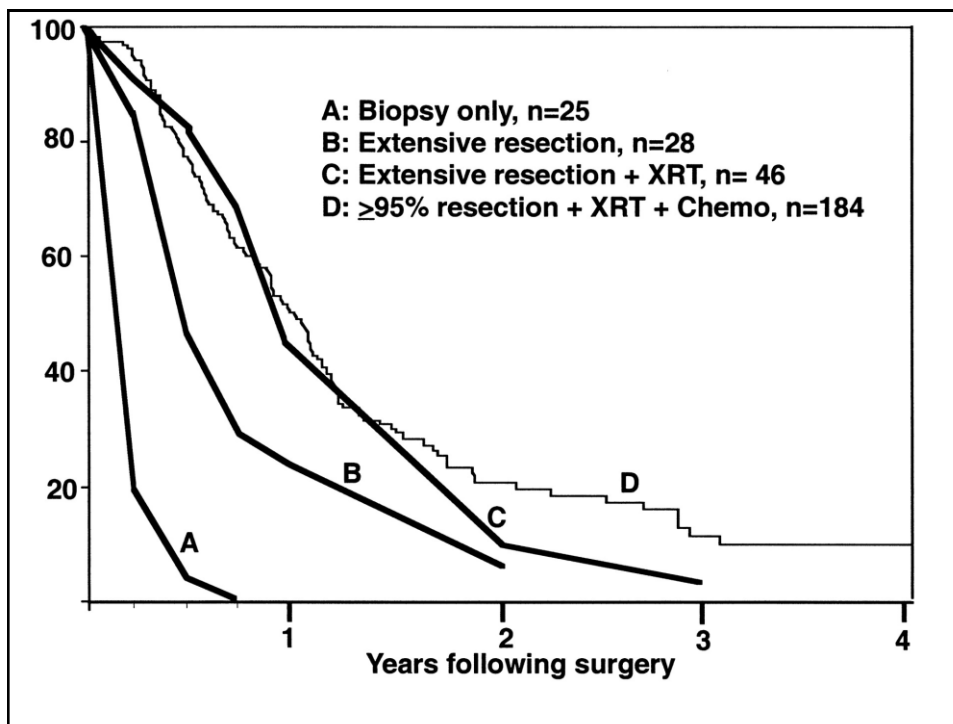


TABLE 1: Chemotherapeutic regimens for gliomas

Regimen	Dose	Route and frequency
Single-agent BCNU		
BCNU	200 mg/m ² (maximum cumulative dose, 1,500 mg/m ²)	IV q8wk
Single-agent temozolamide		
Temozolamide	150-200 mg/m ²	PO on days 1-5
Repeat cycle every 28 days.		
Standard PCV		
CCNU	110 mg/m ²	PO on day 1
Procarbazine	60 mg/m ² /d	PO on days 8-21
Vincristine	1.4 mg/m ² (maximum dose, 2 mg)	IV on days 8 and 29
Repeat cycle every 6-8 weeks, optimally for 6 cycles.		
Intensified PCV*		
CCNU	130 mg/m ²	PO on day 1
Procarbazine	75 mg/m ² /d	PO on days 8-21
Vincristine	1.4 mg/m ² (no dose limit)	IV on days 8 and 29
Repeat cycle every 6 weeks.		

* Sometimes used in patients with oligodendrogliomas





Currently Recruiting Trials – High Grade Glioma

- Page last updated October 2, 2017
- NEW TRIALS (ADDED HERE IN THE LAST MONTH)
- Added September 24, 2017
- **A Phase 1b Study of Toca 511, a Retroviral Replicating Vector, Combined With Toca FC in Patients With Solid Tumors or Lymphoma.** Phase 1. University of Miami, Florida. Estimated primary completion date: April 2019. *In the glioma category, only IDH1-mutant or MGMT promoter methylation positive anaplastic astrocytoma and glioblastoma are eligible for this trial.*
[NCT02576665](#)
- **FLUORESCENCE-GUIDED RESECTION AND IMPROVED INTRA-OPERATIVE TUMOUR VISUALIZATION**
- **A Multicenter Study of 5-Aminolevulinic Acid (5-ALA) to Enhance Visualization of Malignant Tumor in Patients With Newly Diagnosed or Recurrent Malignant Gliomas: A Safety, Histopathology, and Correlative Biomarker Study.** Phase II. University of California San Diego CA, New York NY. Estimated primary completion date: December 2017.
[NCT02632370](#)
- **Fluorescence-guided Surgery for Low- and High-grade Gliomas (BALANCE).** Phase III. Phoenix, Arizona, USA. Estimated primary completion date: January 2018.
[NCT01502280](#)
- **A Phase 1 and 2 Study of 5-aminolevulinic Acid (5-ALA) to Enhance Visualisation and Resection of Malignant Glial Tumors of the Brain.** Springfield, Illinois. Estimated primary completion date: June 2018.
[NCT01128218](#)
- **Quantification of ALA-induced PpIX Fluorescence During Brain Tumor Resection.** Phase I. Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, New Hampshire. Estimated primary completion date: July 2019.
[NCT02191488](#)
- **5-ALA in Recurrent Glioma.** Phoenix, Arizona, USA. A single-center, non-randomized, single-arm study. Estimated primary completion date: June 2017. *Recurrent only.*
[NCT02119338](#)
- **NEWLY DIAGNOSED**
- **Phase I Study in Humans Evaluating the Safety of Rectus Sheath Implantation of Diffusion Chambers Encapsulating Autologous Malignant Glioma Cells Treated With Insulin-like Growth Factor Receptor-1 Antisense Oligodeoxynucleotide (IGF-1R/AS ODN) in 32 Patients With Newly Diagnosed Malignant Glioma.** Philadelphia PA. Estimated primary completion date: December 2018.
[NCT02507583](#)
- **A Phase I study of neural stem cell based virotherapy in combination with standard radiation and chemotherapy for patients with newly diagnosed malignant glioma.** Chicago IL. Estimated primary completion date: March 2019.
[NCT03072134](#)
- **PROTON RADIATION THERAPY**
- **Proton Radiation Therapy for Low Grade and Favorable Grade 3 Gliomas.** Phase II. The "favorable" descriptor in the title refers to grade III patients with either IDH1 mutation or codedeletion of chromosomes 1p and 19q. This is a single-center study being conducted at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Proton therapy is a form of radiation which reduces damage to surrounding tissues. Patients receive a total of 54 Gy of radiation over a course of six weeks. Estimated enrollment is 40 patients and estimated primary completion date is May 2017.
[NCT01358058](#)
- **RECURRENT AND PROGRESSIVE**
- **PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPY AND SURGERY**
- **A Phase I Study of Photodynamic Therapy (PDT) With Photofrin® (IND 104,613) For Recurrent High Grade Gliomas in Adults.** Milwaukee USA. Estimated primary completion date: June 2021.
[NCT01968800](#)
- **VACCINES – RECURRENT**
- **Dendritic Cell Vaccine For Relapsed Malignant Glioma and Glioblastoma Multiforme in Adult and Pediatric Subjects.** Phase I. This is a phase I trial conducted by the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. Vaccine preparation involves dendritic cells loaded with tumor lysate. Patients in this trial will also have imiquimod cream (an immune stimulant) applied topically. Patients must have undergone or undergo a surgical resection to obtain tumor material, and also a leukapheresis procedure to obtain dendritic cells from the patients' blood. The trial is open to patients with recurrent high grade gliomas, including patients originally diagnosed with a grade II glioma, but recurrent as a grade III or glioblastoma (grade IV). Estimated primary completion date: July 2018.
[NCT01808820](#)
- **Phase I Study of Safety and Immunogenicity of ADU-623, a Live-attenuated Listeria Monocytogenes Strain (AactA/ΔinB) Expressing the EGFRvIII-NY-ESO-1 Vaccine, in Patients With Treated and Recurrent WHO Grade III/IV Astrocytomas.** Portland, Oregon, USA. Estimated primary completion date: October 2016.
For patients who have completed the standard of care (ie radiation, chemotherapy).
[NCT01957755](#)
- **VXM01 Phase I Pilot Study in Patients With Operable Recurrence of a Glioblastoma to Examine Safety, Tolerability, Immune and Biomarker Response to the Investigational VEGFR-2 DNA Vaccine VXM01.** Heidelberg, Germany. Estimated primary completion date: August 2017.
[NCT02184643](#)
- **T-CELLS – RECURRENT**
- **Phase I Study of Cellular Immunotherapy Using Central Memory Enriched T Cells Lentivirally Transduced to Express an IL13Rα2-Specific, Hinge-Optimized, 41B8-Costimulatory Chimeric Receptor and a Truncated CD19 for Patients With Recurrent/Refractory Malignant Glioma.** Duarte, California. Estimated primary completion date: December 2018.
[NCT02208362](#)
- **VIROTHERAPY**

So where does it all go wrong...?

- **Delays in primary diagnosis.**

Tumours will progress and become more extensive or more aggressive and thus potentially harder to treat with greater risks.

- **Delays in diagnosis of recurrence of disease**

Disease monitoring over time

- **Issues around consent / Communication**

Treatment options (surgery v radiotherapy)

Risk profile and appreciation of risk

Patient expectation from therapy

