

Survival and prognosis is poor for patients diagnosed with Malignant brain tumours

We need your support to improve outcomes for patients with brain tumours

Though malignant brain tumours are less common than other cancers, mortality is high. For example patients with grade 3 astrocytomas, only approximately 10% will live for at least 5 years. For the more aggressive grade 4 astrocytomas, the average life expectancy is just 11 months and less than 6% are alive after 5 years. In Australia, 1724 people were diagnosed with brain cancer in 2011. In 2012, there were 1241 people who died from this tumour. This figure is expected to increase to over 1350 by 2015.

Brain tumours are the only type of cancer to affect both mind and body— attacking the very essence of the person severely compromising quality of life. As a result an increased burden is placed on carers, families and resources. Currently there is no effective treatment for aggressive brain tumours, so more research in this area is clearly needed.

These cancers strike adults and children alike – with no known causes or any lifestyle changes known to prevent brain tumours. More research is needed to understand the disease and improve treatment strategies, survival outcomes and quality of life.

COGNO relies on your support to ensure Australian patients have access to the best treatments available. Every donation will take us one step closer to reaching our goal.

Why support COGNO?

The Cooperative Trials Group for Neuro-Oncology (COGNO) is a network of clinicians, researchers, consumer representatives and allied health professionals who are dedicated to increasing awareness, improving treatment and end of life care for patients with brain tumours. The network involves more than 300 medical specialists around Australia and New Zealand who collaborate with colleagues from similar research groups around the world to carry out clinical trials to identify the best treatment. We are working hard to achieve better health outcomes. The group works in collaboration with the University of Sydney's NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre which coordinates the trials and administers donations on behalf of the group.

Supporting the activities of COGNO can ensure that many new treatments can be trialled in our patients leading to better outcomes.

Brain Cancer Biobanking Australia (BCBA)

Brain Cancer Biobanking Australia (BCBA) is a consortium of leading Australian brain cancer clinicians, researchers and biobankers who have agreed to join forces to overcome the current fragmented nature and variable quality of brain cancer biobanking in Australia. BCBA was established and operates under the umbrella of COGNO.

BCBA will function as a virtual biobank, networking and harmonising existing brain cancer biobanking operations Australia-wide to facilitate researcher access to the amount, quality and type of tissue and associated data they need to drive brain cancer research, as well as enhancing opportunities for both national and international research collaborations.

Your support will help us facilitate and accelerate brain cancer research. Improvements in patient outcomes can only be achieved through research.

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