

Fast Facts

Glioblastoma

- An aggressive, and most common, type of brain tumor among adults
 - Also known as glioblastoma multiforme (GBM)
- What precipitates it to occur isn't known, but it arises from star-shaped cells, astrocytes, that support the health of nerve cells within the brain
- Can occur in the brain or spinal cord, but typically starts in the cerebrum, which is the largest part of the brain
 - Easily spreads and rapidly grows making it very hard to treat
 - No known risk factors for developing it
 - Usually it results in death within 15 months of diagnosis
- The survival rate for one year is around 40%, two years is close to 17% and five years is just over 5.5%

<i>Symptoms</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Prevention</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Persistent headaches-Double/blurred vision-Vomiting-Loss of appetite-Changes in mood/personality-Changes in ability to think/learn-New onset of seizures-Gradual onset of difficulty speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Surgery-Radiation Therapy-Chemotherapy-Palliative Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Nothing specific <p><i>Lead a Healthy Lifestyle:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Exercise regularly-Eat a balanced diet-Avoid things that increase chances of having health issues

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