



Glioblastoma

- These tumors are usually highly malignant (cancerous) because the cells reproduce quickly and they are supported by a large network of blood vessels in the brain.

- Generally found in the cerebral hemispheres of the brain, but can be found anywhere in the brain or spinal cord.

- Glioblastoma represents about 15.4% of all primary brain tumors.

- Five-year survival rate for patients over 55 at about 4 percent.

- More than 12,000 people a year are diagnosed with glioblastoma.

Symptoms

- Most common symptoms can include headache, nausea, vomiting, and drowsiness.

- Depending on the location of the tumor, other symptoms can include weakness on one side of the body, memory and/or speech difficulties, and visual changes.

Treatment

- Radiation and chemotherapy may be used to slow the growth of tumors that cannot be removed with surgery.