

Mayo Clinic Minute: Learn about meningioma and glioblastoma brain tumors

A diagnosis of a brain tumor can be frightening. Of the more than 100 types of brain tumors, meningioma and glioblastoma are two of the most common.

Dr. Wendy Sherman, a Mayo Clinic neuro-oncologist, explains the differences in these tumors and why research is crucial to help move towards a cure.

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Wendy Sherman, M.D. Neurology Mayo Clinic	"The most common brain tumor is actually what's called a meningioma, which is a tumor that arises not in the brain itself, but it arises from the lining that surrounds the brain, the meninges."
	Meningiomas are slow-growing tumors. Surgery may be suggested based on size and location.
	"Most meningiomas are benign, and after surgery, they may never regrow. Or if they do, it may take a very long time."
	Dr. Wendy Sherman says another type of brain tumor is cancerous and fast-growing.
	"Glioblastoma is the most common type of malignant tumor in the brain."
	After diagnosis, treatment usually starts with surgery.
	"The first step is to remove as much of it as you can."
	Treatments may slow the growth of cancer, but there is no cure for glioblastoma.
	"That is the reason why we are so dedicated to our research efforts to find innovative treatments for this and, eventually, a cure so that we can change the landscape."
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Joel Streed.