

Cabrini Neuro-Oncology Nursing

*Supporting patients to live
as well as possible*



About Cabrini's neuro-oncology Nurse

Our neuro-oncology nurses provide a specialist service for people who are diagnosed with a primary malignant brain tumour which include;

- Initial assessment
- Management of symptoms
- Education
- Psycho-social support for the patient and their family/carer while they are in hospital or living in the community
- Inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation
- Palliative care
- Patient and Care Support group

Our goal is to optimise the quality of life for patients who have a primary malignant brain tumour, as well as their families and carers. We do this by providing supportive care that addresses the patients' needs – physical, social, emotional, cultural and spiritual.

Neuro-oncology at Cabrini

Cabrini Health has specialist clinicians providing neuro-oncology care across all disciplines which include; a neuro-oncologist, medical oncologist, neuro-surgeon, radio-oncologist, neuro-radiologist, rehabilitation physician, palliative care physician, neuro-psychology, neuro-oncology nurse, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, speech pathologist and social worker. Your care is coordinated by the neuro-oncology nurse consultant.

The neuro-oncology nursing service has been developed to guide and support you and your family throughout treatment either in hospital or at home. Our nurses objective is to streamline care where possible to support you throughout your illness, providing continuity of care.

How the service works

You and your family will be introduced to a dedicated neuro-oncology nurse at the time of diagnosis. Following discharge from hospital, the neuro-oncology nurse will continue to liaise with you and your medical team to provide symptom management and psycho-social support in the community as required.

Cost of the service

There is no associated cost to you to access support from Cabrini's Neuro-oncology Nursing Service.

Why choose Cabrini

Cabrini Health is a major provider of neuro-oncology care in Victoria. Each year, we care for significant number of the states patients who have primary, malignant brain tumours.

Cabrini is the only private health service in Victoria that extend the specialist care of the neuro-oncology service from hospital to home throughout your illness by our integrated multidisciplinary care team.

More information

Neuro-oncology Nurse

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Useful links

Cancer Council- Victoria

ph 13 11 12

www.cancervic.org.au/resources

Beyond Blue

www.beyondblue.org.au

ph 1300 22 4636

Brain Tumour Australia

www.btai.com.au

American Brain Tumour Association

www.abta.org

Brain Tumour Alliance

ph 1800 857 579

www.btaa.org.au

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