

How did we do?

To make things better for patients, we like to ask how you felt about our service. A family or friend can help you to fill this survey out.

Please be honest with your answers. If you do not want to do this survey you do not have to.

You can scan the QR code on a smartphone camera app.



If you would like to fill out a paper survey please tell our navigator - the person who tracks patients through the diagnostic pathway

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Email:

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Suspected brain Tumours



If you need this leaflet in a different language or accessible format please speak to a member of staff who can arrange it for you.

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Jeśli niniejsza ulotka ma być dostępna w innym języku lub formacie, proszę skontaktować się z członkiem personelu, który ją dla Państwa przygotowuje.

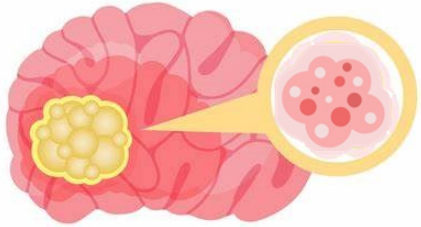
Dacă aveți nevoie de această broșură într-o altă limbă sau într-un format accesibil, vă rog să discutați cu un membru al personalului să se ocupe de acest lucru pentru dumneavoastră

如果您需要本传单的其他语言版本或无障碍格式，请联系工作人员为您安排。

إذا احتجت إلى هذه النشرة بلغة أخرى، أو بتنسيق يسهل الوصول إليه، يرجى التحدث إلى أحد الموظفين لترتيب ذلك لك.

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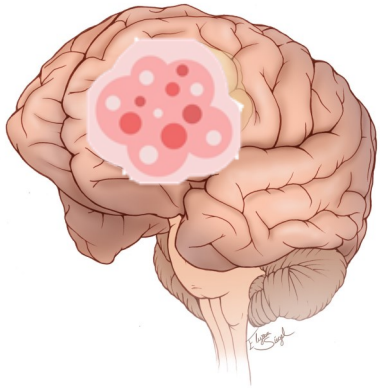
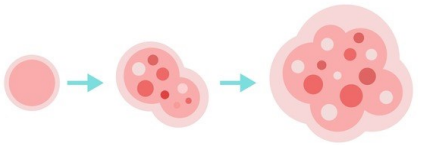
What is a brain tumour?



Our brain is made up of lots of cells.

Sometimes when cells are making more cells it can go wrong.

This can form a lump called a tumour.



Sometimes this can start within the brain.

This is a primary brain tumour.

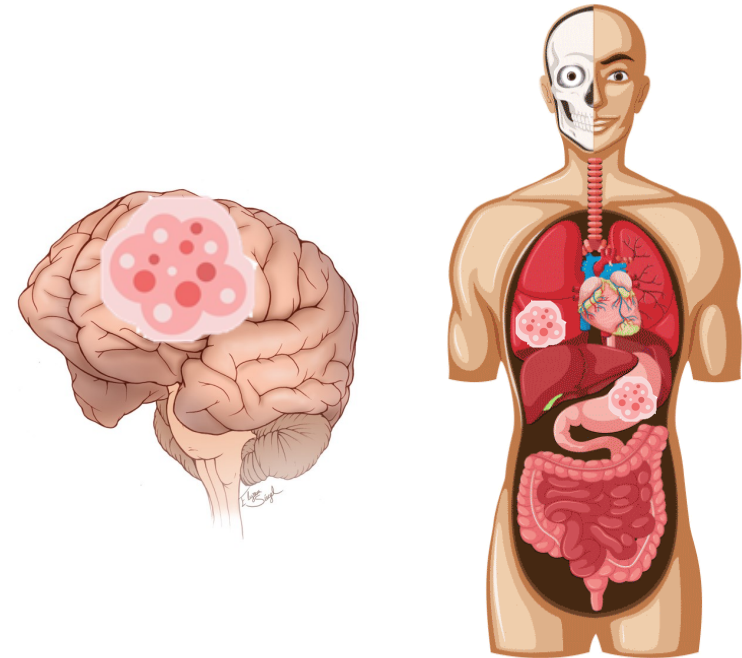
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Questions I want to ask

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Sometimes this can start somewhere else in the body and spread to the brain. This is a secondary brain tumour or brain metastasis.

There may be more lumps in your body.



The next steps

You had a scan when you came to the hospital.

You may need more scans to get better pictures of the tumour, or look for more tumours.

If you are well enough to go home from hospital, then these can be done as an outpatient.

If you are scared of having a scan, please tell us and we can help to support you with this.



The acute oncology team are your keyworkers

 **Open:** Monday - Friday 9am-5pm (not bank holidays)

 **Phone:**
01744 646 794 (St Helens)
01704 705 237 (Southport)



Outside of these hours, please call NHS on 111.

If you feel unwell please call NHS on 111 or 999.



Where to find support

There is a Macmillan support centre at St Helens & Southport Hospitals

Open: Monday - Friday 8:30am-4pm (not bank holidays)
(St Helens)

Open: Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm (not bank holidays)
(Southport)

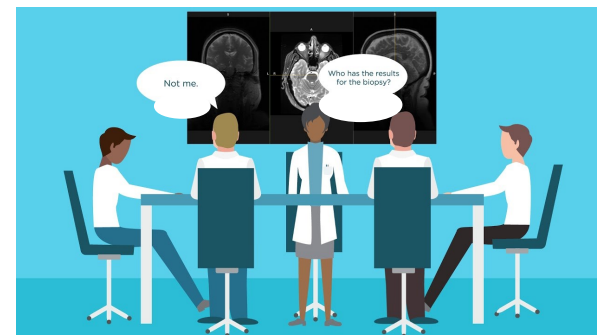
Email: macmillansupport@sthk.nhs.uk (St Helens)
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Phone: 01744 646 985 (St Helens)
01704 533 024 (Southport)



We will ask specialist doctors at the Walton Centre, to have a look at the pictures so we can make a plan.

They may look at these pictures in a big meeting, with lots of specialist professionals called a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting.



You will be given a keyworker nurse.

This keyworker might change during your diagnosis. They will be your point of contact with the hospital whilst the team is looking after you.



What are steroids?



You may have been given some steroid tablets, called dexamethasone.

These help with swelling inside of your brain.



 **Email:**

hello@brainstrust.org.uk

 **Phone:**

01983 292405

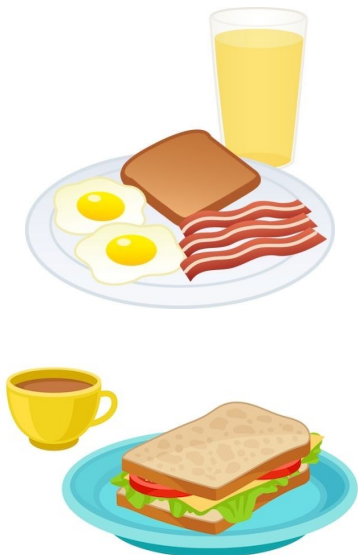
 **Website:**

<https://brainstrust.org.uk/>



 **Website:**

www.thebraintumourcharity.org/



Take them with food at breakfast and lunch time, as they can upset your stomach.

Steroids can also affect your sleep, this is why they are taken earlier in the day.

Charities that can help



Here are some charities which can give support.



If you need help to contact these places, please call your keyworker.



Phone: 0808 808 00 00



Website:
www.macmillan.org.uk

You will have another tablet to take 30 minutes before breakfast to protect your stomach.

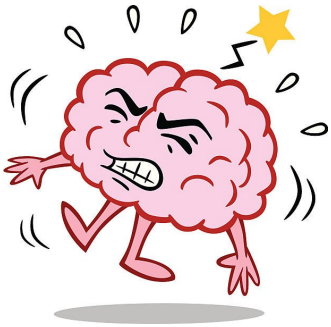
This will be called omeprazole or lansoprazole.



If you are more thirsty or are weeing more than you normally do, please contact your GP or keyworker.

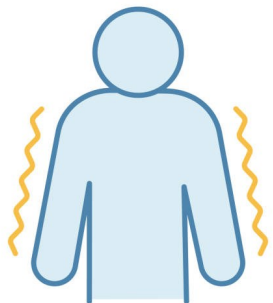
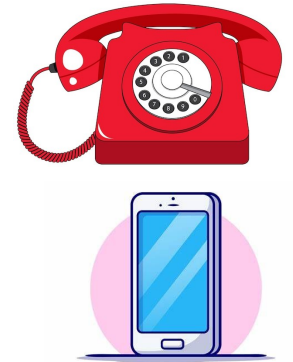


What is a seizure?



Sometimes if you have a tumour in your brain, you may have a seizure.

If you think you are having seizures, please tell your GP or keyworker. If you cannot get in contact please go to the emergency department at the hospital.



This could be shaking or twitching of your arms and legs.

Sometimes you may not know that you are having a seizure.

You may be given some medication to prevent more seizures.



You cannot drive with a brain tumour and you need to inform the DVLA of your diagnosis.




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