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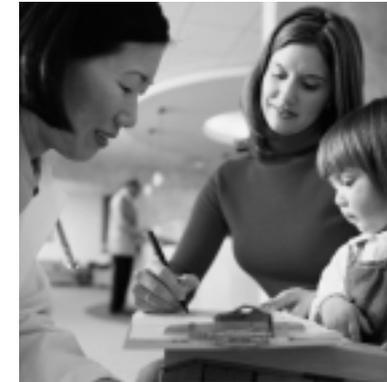
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Actress, Gabrielle Carteris, was our advocate on *Who Wants to Be A Millionaire?*

Thank you, Gabrielle! Actress, Gabrielle Carteris, appeared on the popular *Who Wants to Be A Millionaire* TV show on February 12th. In addition to being beautiful and talented, she's smart, too. She donated half of her big winnings to the American Brain Tumor Association in memory of Martin M. Moskowitz and in honor of two other friends, Roy Gerber and Gail Cahn. 

Astrocytomas are tumors believed to arise from precursors of astrocytes — supportive cells of the brain named for their star-like shape. Astrocytomas are the most common of the primary brain tumors. They are typically graded on a scale of I to IV based on how quickly the cells are reproducing, as well as their potential to invade nearby tissue. Cells of grade IV astrocytomas, also called glioblastoma multiforme, reproduce rapidly. Grade III astrocytomas, also known as anaplastic astrocytomas, reproduce at an intermediate rate. Grades I and II astrocytomas are the slowest growing tumors, and are also called low-grade astrocytomas. This article reviews new developments in our understanding and treatment of low-grade astrocytomas.

Low-grade astrocytomas are relatively uncommon tumors when compared to their higher-grade counterparts; only about 1,500 are believed to occur in North America each year. Their cause is unknown, and current research indicates that the environment does not seem to play a role in their origin. However, families with neurofibromatosis, a genetic inherited disorder, are at increased risk of developing these tumors.

Low-grade astrocytomas can be further sub-grouped into three tumor types — pilocytic astrocytomas, pleomorphic xanthoastrocytomas, and diffuse astrocytomas. Diffuse astrocytomas are by far the most common.

Pilocytic astrocytomas are most often found in children. They have a tendency to arise in the cerebellum — the part of the brain which controls balance. Pilocytic astrocytomas tend to have sharply defined boundaries. For this reason, they are often curable with surgery if located in an accessible part of the brain. Radiation or chemotherapy are generally used to treat inaccessible or partially removed tumors.

Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytomas, also referred to as "PXAs," most commonly occur in children and tend to be superficially located in the brain. As with pilocytic astrocytomas, surgery is the primary treatment.

Diffuse astrocytomas typically arise in young adults, although they are also found in children and senior citizens. They may be found anywhere in the brain, but are most common in the cerebral hemispheres — the "thinking" part of the brain. As the name implies, the borders of a diffuse astrocytoma tend to grow into surrounding normal brain tissue. Seizures and headaches are very often the earliest signs of this tumor. CT and MR scans generally show the presence of a tumor which does not "enhance" or "light up" when an intravenous contrast dye is given.

Once a scan shows an abnormality suspected of being a low-grade astrocytoma, the next step is generally a consultation with a neurosurgeon.

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I want to thank you for your immediate response. I was able to join a very good support group through the list you sent me, and made some wonderful friends... All of this information allowed me to do much of my own research and feel like I have some control over this situation.

CALIFORNIA

I just want to thank you for taking the time to send me the information on brain tumours. These publications have been a tremendous help not only to my mother who has the tumour, but to myself as well. Although her tumour is not a life-threatening one, it was still very scary to hear about it. I guess we all have stigmas attached to the words "brain tumour." I have often thought "how am I going to cope?" but gathering as much information as I can made things a little easier for me to understand.

SOUTH AFRICA

Thank you for your response to my e-mail and the package of materials. It has helped our family more than you will ever know!

ARIZONA

Thanks for your newsletters and my recent pen-pal! Just having you in my Favorite Places is very comforting...

WYOMING

I am encouraged to hear the research and improved treatments, survival, and resources available for those going through the diagnosis now.... Our prayers are with your research and the direction you seem to always have to end brain tumors all together!

ARKANSAS

Please give yourself a pat on the back. The information that you share in your MessageLine educate many of us survivors. I learn something new with each publication you send me. I feel better knowing all the things I experienced were because of the tumor and NOT because I was losing my mind!

NEBRASKA

We are a group of Melbourne parents who formed a brain tumor association here and we think ABTA is fantastic! Your resources are particularly interesting to us. One day we hope Australia will have an equivalent support service. In the meantime, we are still a group of voluntary workers with very limited funds. However, I will suggest at our next meeting that we make a donation to you.

AUSTRALIA

Thank you so much for the information. It made me understand why I need to wait to have a scan after the treatments are over — I was really concerned about that.

TEXAS

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Sharing Knowledge

WIRELESS PHONE UPDATE



Every few years, public interest re-awakens in wireless phone technology and its potential link to brain tumors. We hope this overview, excerpted from the Food and Drug Administration web site, answers your questions. Resources for additional information are listed at the end of the article.

Do wireless phones pose a health hazard?

The available scientific evidence does not show any health problems associated with the use of wireless phones. There is no proof, however, that wireless phones are absolutely safe. Wireless phones emit low levels of radiofrequency (RF) energy while being used, and very low levels when in the stand-by mode. Many studies of low level RF exposures failed to find biological effects. Other studies suggested that some biological effects may occur, but those findings have not been

confirmed by additional research. In some cases, researchers had difficulty in reproducing those studies, or in determining the reasons for the inconsistent results.

Which phones are the subject of this update?

The term "wireless phone" as used here refers to hand-held wireless phones with built-in antennas. These are also called "cell," "mobile," or "PCS" phones. These wireless phones can expose the user to measurable radio-frequency energy because of the short distance between the phone and the user's head (RF levels become lower with increasing distance from the source.) So-called "cordless phones," with a base unit connected to the telephone wiring in a house, typically operate at far lower power levels and thus produce RF exposures far below the safety guidelines set by the Federal Communications Commission.

What are the results of the research done already?

Three large epidemiology studies have been published since December 2000. The studies investigated any possible association between the use of wireless phones and primary brain cancer, glioma, meningioma, or acoustic neuroma, tumors of the brain or salivary gland, leukemia, or other cancers. None of the studies demonstrated the existence of harmful health effects from wireless phone RF exposures. However, none of the studies can answer questions about long-term exposures, since the average period of phone use in these studies was about three years.

The laboratory research done thus far produced conflicting results. Experiments investigating the effects of cell phone RF exposures yielded conflicting results that often cannot be repeated in other laboratories. A few studies

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WIRELESS PHONE UPDATE

suggested that low levels of RF could accelerate the development of cancer in laboratory animals. However, many of the models used for this research were genetically engineered, or they were exposed to RF for up to 22 hours per day. These conditions are not similar to the conditions under which people use wireless phones, so we don't know with certainty what the results of such studies mean for human health.

How can I find out my cell phone's RF exposure level?

All phones sold in the United States must comply with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) guidelines that limit RF exposures. The FCC limit for RF exposure from wireless telephones is set at a Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) of 1.6 watts per kilogram (1.6 W/kg). The exposure limit considers the body's ability to remove heat from the tissues that absorb energy from the wireless phone, and is set below levels known to have effects.

Manufacturers of wireless phones must report the RF exposure level for each model of phone to the FCC, and some manufacturers report this data to consumers in their product's instruction booklet. If your booklet does not report this information, visit the FCC website at www.fcc.gov/oet/rfsafety for assistance in determining your phone's SAR level.

What can I do to reduce my RF exposure from my wireless phone?

If there is a risk from these products — and at this point we do not know that there is — it is probably very small. But if you are concerned about avoiding potential risks, you can take a few simple steps to minimize your exposure. Since time is a key factor in how much exposure a person receives, reducing the amount of time spent using a wireless phone will reduce RF exposure. If you must conduct extended conversations by wireless phone every day, place more distance between your body and the source of the RF, since the exposure level drops off dramatically with distance. For example, use a headset and carry the wireless phone away from your body or use a wireless phone connected to a remote antenna. Some wireless phones now come with complimentary head sets; check with your manufacturer.

Again, the scientific data do not demonstrate that wireless phones are harmful. But if you are concerned about the RF exposure from these products, you can use measures such as those described above to reduce your exposure.

Where can I find additional information?

For additional information, including updates on current cell phone research, please visit the following resources:

FDA WEB PAGE ON WIRELESS PHONES
www.fda.gov/cdrh/phones/index.html

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) RF SAFETY
www.fcc.gov/oet/rfsafety

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON NON-IONIZING RADIATION PROTECTION
www.icnirp.de

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) INTERNATIONAL EMF PROJECT
www.who.int/emf

NATIONAL RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION BOARD (UK)
www.nrpb.org.uk

FINDING ANSWERS

Finding a "definitive answer" to the question of safety and cell phones poses many challenges. According to a recent report, variations in research methods, researcher credentials and credibility, sources of funding, media coverage, public perception of risk and the invisible nature of the exposure (as well as other factors) may all play a role in these studies and their interpretation.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

See the article by Kheifets, Greenberg, Neutra et al, "Electric and Magnetic Fields and Cancer: Case Study," *American Journal of Epidemiology*, Vol. 154, No. 12, 2001.

Sharing Resources

ABTA & MOFFITT JOIN FORCES TO SHARE HOPE AND KNOWLEDGE



The American Brain Tumor Association proudly announces the opening of our first Resource Center. H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center was chosen as the site for this pilot Center. Amidst the excitement of the grand opening ceremony, speeches were given, photos were taken, refreshments were served and VIPs and patients gathered in the Center on January 25th to dedicate the opening of this wonderful resource area. Neuro-oncology patients and their families will be able to gain access to comprehensive information, to find answers to their questions, and to research their brain tumor and potential treatment options.

Chief of the Neurosurgery Service and Program leader of the Moffitt Neuro-Oncology Program, Steven Brem, MD, stated, "Short of a cure for brain cancer, patient information and satisfaction remains an extremely high priority." Thomas P. McAlvanah, a brain tumor patient at Moffitt agreed. "When you get educated about your disease, you gain control and hope."

Developed to help patients and their families increase their knowledge, the Resource Center has resource books, general and tumor specific publications, models of the brain, two computers with online access and a telephone that directly links to the American Brain Tumor Association. 

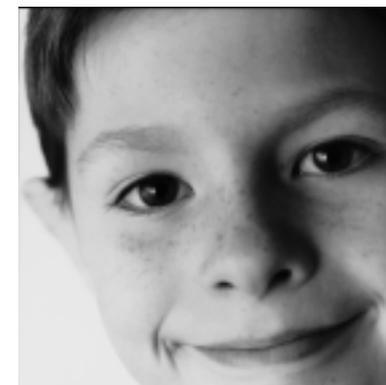
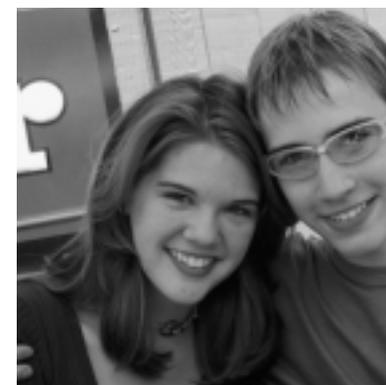
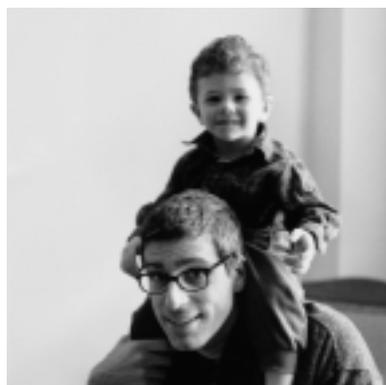
FINDING RESOURCES

If your local hospital or treatment center does not have a dedicated Resource Center to assist you in researching your brain tumor, the American Brain Tumor Association website offers a host of resources to help you. Visit our web site at www.abta.org to find:

- *A Primer of Brain Tumors*
- *Dictionary for Brain Tumor Patients*
- Treatment information including clinical trial links
- ABTA Publications and Services Request Form
- Online Video/Audio Presentations on Treating Adult Brain Tumors
- Net-Working Links
- Comfort & Resources for Online Support

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LOW GRADE ASTROCYTOMAS



The neurosurgeon may recommend a biopsy to confirm the diagnosis or surgery to remove the tumor. When tumors are located near vital brain areas, neurosurgeons may use sophisticated techniques including functional MRI and intraoperative surface mapping of brain function to help with tumor removal. However, if this is a diffuse astrocytoma, the tumor has usually grown tiny microscopic tentacles that spread into the surrounding brain tissue. Those tentacles cannot always be seen by the neurosurgeon, and thus “complete” tumor removal may not be possible. The extent of surgery depends on the location of the tumor, the patient’s symptoms and personal preferences, and the neurosurgeon’s philosophy.

Once the diagnosis of diffuse low-grade astrocytoma is confirmed by tissue examination, often the next treatment consideration will be radiation. Radiation therapy can be used to reduce the size of the tumor, and may improve symptoms. Although the optimal timing and dose of radiation for this type of tumor is still being studied, several recent clinical trials

improved our understanding of radiation’s role.

The timing of radiation for low-grade astrocytomas is a longstanding controversy. Some physicians believe radiation therapy should be used “early” — as part of the initial treatment plan. Others suggest “deferring” radiation (and therefore delaying any related side-effects) until scans show tumor re-growth. A large randomized European trial recently examined the question of “early” versus “deferred” radiation therapy. Although early radiation slightly delayed the average time until the tumor started re-growing, the overall outcomes of both the early and deferred groups were identical. It was also noted that about two-thirds of the people in the deferred group required radiation about five years after diagnosis. Thus, either early radiation or deferred radiation are both reasonable options.

Results from two recent clinical trials focusing on low-grade gliomas helped clarify the optimal radiation dose and schedule. Neither study revealed an advantage for higher

doses of radiation, and suggested that perhaps five to five and a half weeks of treatment is preferable to six or seven weeks.

In addition to concerns about the timing and dose of radiation for low-grade astrocytomas, physicians are also learning more about the effects of radiation therapy on a person’s ability to think. These “cognitive” side effects of treatment include poor short-term memory and a diminished ability to concentrate. Until the 1980s, there was a tendency to give radiation therapy to the whole brain; cognitive impairment among long-term survivors of whole-brain radiation therapy was common. Newer technologies make it possible for radiation oncologists to focus the treatment on the tumor and a small margin around the tumor, thus minimizing radiation to the tumor-free parts of the brain. Two studies of people with low-grade astrocytomas treated with focal radiation therapy found a lack of cognitive effects in the first few years after treatment, providing reassurance that current radiation therapy procedures are well-tolerated. These studies also

show that fatigue and depression are common in patients with low-grade astrocytomas whether or not they receive radiation. Thus, some symptoms commonly attributed to radiotherapy may be more appropriately blamed on the tumor itself.

Recent success in treating another type of low-grade glioma — oligodendroglioma — with chemotherapy sparked renewed interest in the use of chemotherapy for low-grade astrocytomas. Several studies in children over the last decade showed potential benefits with this strategy. Currently, a large study is investigating whether the addition of chemotherapy (a combination of the three medications: procarbazine, CCNU, and vincristine — abbreviated “PCV”) to radiation improves outcome. Enrollment in this study is ongoing, and results are not anticipated for several years. Another strategy uses the oral anti-tumor drug temozolomide (trade name “Temodar”) in small daily doses. New technologies led to identification of genetic profiles of certain oligodendrogliomas that reliably appear to predict sensitivity to chemotherapy;

similar techniques may likewise make it possible for physicians to predict which patients with low-grade astrocytomas will benefit from chemotherapy.

When diffuse astrocytomas recur following treatment, they frequently come back as a biologically more aggressive tumor. People with these tumors are generally eligible for the full spectrum of clinical trials available to patients with high-grade gliomas. Those clinical trials are testing novel treatment approaches ranging from stimulation of the body’s natural immune system to drugs which choke off the tumor’s blood supply (“anti-angiogenesis”) to drugs that selectively target biochemical pathways revved up in tumor

cells, but inactive in healthy cells. Thus, progress in the more common high-grade gliomas should eventually translate into a better outcome for patients with diffuse astrocytomas. 

CLINICAL TRIALS

Information about clinical trials open to people with either low-grade or high-grade astrocytoma can be obtained from the Cancer Information Service at 800-422-6237. If you have any questions regarding the information contained here, please take the article to your doctor. He or she is best equipped to respond to your concerns on an individual basis. Inclusion in this article does not constitute endorsement of any of these treatments.



DAVID SCHIFF, MD

This article was provided to us by David Schiff, MD, Associate Professor of Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Medicine at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

Sharing *Knowledge*

A NEW ABTA PATIENT SERVICE

MINI-MEDICAL SCHOOL ON CD AND VHS

The need for knowledge, the need to understand a world of new terms and phrases, and the need to talk the talk are some of the greatest necessities for a family facing a brain tumor diagnosis. Those who know the kind of tumor they have, understand their treatment plan and are savvy about the expected benefits and risks of treatment are those who are most comfortable with their treatment choices.

Not everyone can travel to patient meetings, medical libraries or sort through the plethora of web sites on the Internet. Families have asked us for learning programs they can easily use at home — information they can see and hear. In response to that need, we now offer the ABTA Mini-Medical School on either CD-Rom or VHS tape.

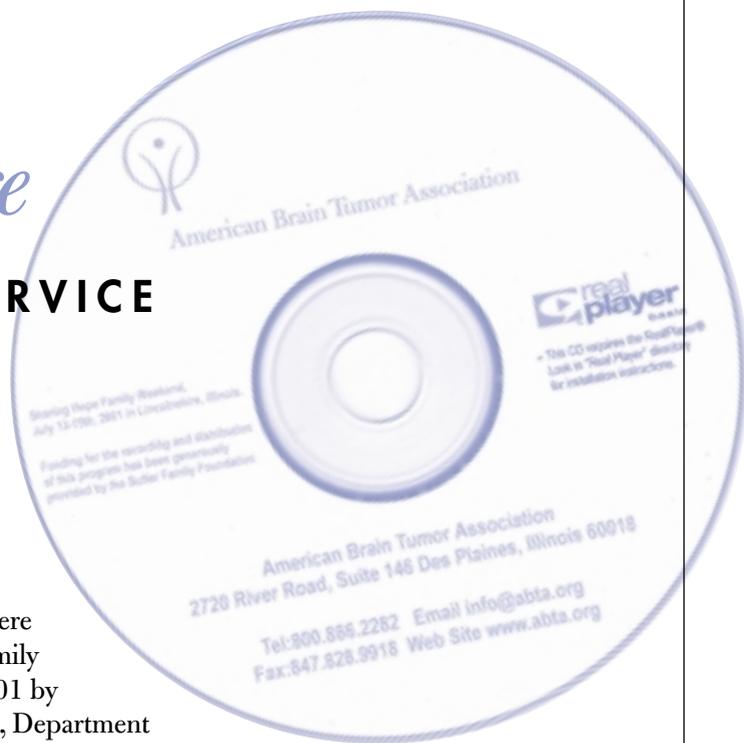
This five part program addresses: diagnostics, surgery, radiation, adjuvant therapies, and alternative

therapies for the treatment of brain tumors — in language that patients and families can understand.

The presentations were made at ABTA's Family Weekend in July 2001 by Mitchel Berger, MD, Department of Neurosurgery, University of California San Francisco (Surgery); Mark Gilbert, MD, Department of Neurology, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston (Adjuvant Therapies/Chemotherapy); Minesh Mehta, MD, Department of Human Radiology and Oncology, University of Wisconsin Medical Center, Madison (Radiation); Corey Raffel, MD, PhD, Department of Neurosurgery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota (Diagnostics); and

Lisa Rogers, DO, Hermelin Brain Tumor Center, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan (Alternative Therapies).

Through the generosity of the Butler Family Foundation, a limited number of these computer CDs and VHS tapes are available at no charge. We do ask that you reimburse our shipping costs, and when finished with your tape or CD, please donate it to your local library or support group as a resource for others. 



Sharing *Knowledge*

ABTA AWARDS ITS LARGEST GRANT EVER

With the generous support of BP (formerly BP Amoco), the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) recently awarded \$200,000 for epidemiologic research to Jill Barnholtz-Sloan, PhD, of the Karmanos Cancer Institute and Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. Her research, titled "Role of Ethnicity in Survival of Patients with Primary Malignant Brain Tumors: A Molecular Epidemiology Pilot Study" will explore the pathways by which brain tumors develop in the African-American and Caucasian populations. Andrew Sloan, MD, Wayne State University will be the co-investigator on the study and Margaret Wrensch, PhD, University of California San Francisco, Ann Schwartz, PhD, MPH, Director of the Detroit SEER Registry at Wayne State University and Mark Hughes, MD, PhD, Director of the Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics at Wayne State University will serve as consultants.

Two previous studies suggest that malignant brain tumors undergo different oncogenic pathways in Caucasians and non-Caucasians. However, one study included only 6 African-Americans in the 172 study subjects and the other did not include any. To date, there has not been any investigation of the molecular epidemiology of malignant primary brain tumors specifically in African-Americans. Since this population comprises 25% of the Metro-Detroit SEER registry, and because this registry supplies about 35% of data on African-Americans nationally, the Principal Investigators are uniquely suited to address this issue. A better understanding of these genetic pathways may lead to identification of new targets and strategies for prevention and/or cure.

The investigators will conduct a prospective, population-based pilot study utilizing the SEER rapid reporting mechanism, to identify Caucasian and African-American patients with newly

diagnosed primary malignant brain tumors. Dr. Barnholtz-Sloan will assess clinical and epidemiologic variables using a chart-review and by interviewing participating patients using a clinical instrument designed and pioneered by Dr. Margaret Wrensch. Dr. Andrew Sloan will screen for p53 mutations and loss of heterozygosity at three chromosomal locations of known significance in glioma oncogenesis.

This proposal fits well with objectives of the National Cancer Institute strategic plan to reduce cancer-related health disparities. It also ties in with the epidemiologic priorities of the recently established brain tumor progress review group (PRG). Therefore, it is believed that this pilot study has a high likelihood of leading to future funding from the National Institutes of Health. 

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THE RESEARCH

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Sharing *Resources*

SUPPORT RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET

Chat rooms, e-mail listserves, and bulletin boards are all means of communicating with others on the Internet. Online support services also provide an option for those who do not have a support group in their area; access is easy regardless of the weather, time, or location.

Chat rooms and bulletin boards are generally live, “real-time” discussions; you post a comment, and anyone can post a response. If the chat room has a person responsible for removing inappropriate content, it is referred to as a “moderated” room; if no one is watching the material posted, it’s called “unmoderated.”

Listserve are support groups in which people communicate via e-mail. Most listserves require you to “subscribe” or “register” prior to sending messages. After subscribing as directed, you’ll receive a confirmation as well as a welcome letter. Each group has its own Netiquette rules and procedures. Save those guidelines; they will also tell you how to unsubscribe should you so choose. The welcome instructions will also tell you how to “digest” your messages into one large message rather than countless small messages.

AN-SUPPORT@ANUSA.ORG
Moderated e-mail list open to acoustic neuroma patients, family members and friends. Guidelines are at the ANA web site (<http://anausa.org/list.htm>). To subscribe, send message to ANAmo@aol.com with “SUBSCRIBE AN-Support YourFirstName YourLastName” in the body of the message. Do not put anything else in the message. You will get a confirming message when you are subscribed.

BRAINTMR
Moderated list open to anyone interested in brain tumors, benign or malignant. To subscribe, send an e-mail to LISTSERV@mitoma.mit.edu. In the body of the message type SUBSCRIBE BRAINTMR followed by your real name. Leave the subject empty or type “none”. To learn more about the The Healing Exchange BRAIN TRUST, the organization that facilitates the BRAINTMR list as well as a dozen other online groups, visit their home page at www.braintrust.org.

BRAINTMR ON AOL
The BRAINTMR e-mail support group also moderates a chat room on America Online. To get there from the main AOL menu, go to “People Connections,” click “Find A Chat Room,” click

“Enter a Private Chat,” and type in the full word, “braintumor”.

BTCAREGIVERS
For caregivers of brain tumor patients. Subscribe by sending e-mail to btcaregivers-captain@braintrust.org.

CEREBELLAR MUTISM
Support list for parents of children with brain tumors (medulloblastoma, astrocytoma, ependymoma, rhabdoid, choroid papilloma and others) affected by cerebellar mutism and posterior fossa syndrome after tumor removal. To join, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cerebellarmutism>.

GERMAN BRAIN TUMOR LIST
Informational listserve for brain tumor patients who speak German. To subscribe, go to www.hirntumor.de.

MEDULLOBLASTOMA TUMOR LIST
A discussion list of medulloblastoma and PNET for exchanging information and support. The list is also open to discussion of all other types of pediatric brain tumors. To subscribe, send an e-mail to medulloblastoma-subscribe@onelist.com. Leave the subject and the body of the message empty.

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MENINGIOMA SUPPORT AND INFORMATION
Message board, chat room, and news announcements for those interested in meningiomas. Visit as a guest and register at <http://meningioma.intranets.com>.

SKULL BASE TUMORS PUBLIC GUESTBOOK
Provided through Massachusetts General Hospital, this web site is intended for patients with cranial base tumors. The web site is <http://neurosurgery.mgh.harvard.edu/guest/Cbase/guest.htm>

SPINAL CORD TUMOR SUPPORT
A web site located at www.spinalcordtumor.homestead.com for those diagnosed with a spinal cord tumor. Includes discussion board, chat room, and a resource library. Users can access information without registering but are encouraged to do so by sharing their story.

Please note: These resources are provided as a service only. Inclusion in this article does not constitute endorsement of any of the material, content, or opinions expressed on these services. We listed the groups we found; send us a message at info@abta.org if you know of others. 

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PLANNED GIVING — DOES EVERYONE NEED A WILL?



A Will is often the foundation of a sound estate plan. No matter what size estate an individual has, everyone should have a Will. This document allows an individual to control exactly how his or her estate will be managed. Without a Will, there is a risk of costly delays in the estate settlement process. In addition, if a person dies without a Will, the law of the state determines how the estate is divided. State laws generally provide for distribution to natural or adoptive relatives, and provide nothing for friends or favorite charitable organizations. If there are no relatives, an estate is turned over to the state.

A bequest to the American Brain Tumor Association can be easily included when drafting a Will for the first time, or by adding an amendment to an existing Will. Bequests can be restricted or unrestricted, and can be made in the name of the donor, or as a tribute to a friend or loved one.

To explore the opportunities and rewards of making a bequest or another planned gift to the American Brain Tumor Association, please contact Naomi Berkowitz, Executive Director at 847-827-9910. 

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Each event mentioned here represents a true labor of love for a loved one. Your enormous efforts and dedication are an inspiration. We at the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA), and everyone affected by a brain tumor, express heartfelt gratitude for all you do to raise funds, heighten awareness and share hope. Our grateful and sincere thanks are extended to the organizers, their committees and all the sponsors, and participants for volunteering to make a difference for the entire brain tumor community.

If you want to pay tribute to your loved one, call 847-827-9910. We will be happy to assist you in planning your very own special event.



Twins Deanna and Danielle after completing their Victory Run in the Marine Corps Marathon.



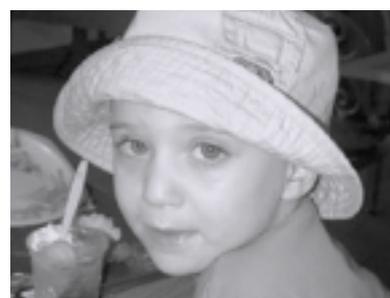
Deanna and Danielle or Danielle and Deanna?

WASHINGTON, D.C.

After facing many hurdles in the battle against brain tumors, Danielle O'Brien has triumphed and proclaimed VICTORY! To heighten awareness of brain tumors and raise funds for brain tumor research, Danielle, and her twin sister, Deanna, ran in this year's Marine Corps Marathon. Danielle wrote, "It is with ABTA's personal touch that I have not only reached my goal but exceeded it way beyond my dreams." We, at ABTA, are fortunate to have you on our team. Thank you and congratulations on your Victory Run!

TEXAS

The Houston Area Continuity of Care held their annual fundraiser. The chosen recipient for this year's proceeds was ABTA! The evening's festivities included dinner, live auction, raffle prizes, music and lots of fun. ABTA expresses grateful appreciation to organizer, Diane Purdy and her committee for helping to heighten awareness and raise research funds.



Morgan Short, Ambassador's Link to the Cure.

INDIANA

Links to the Cure, Ambassador, Inc.'s golf outing, was held in honor of Morgan Short, son of Ambassador's CIO, Mike Short. The event was a tremendous success on the course and most importantly, in support of pediatric brain tumor research. Brad Lindemann, Ambassador's CEO, wrote, "One way we encourage Ambassador's teammates and friends to make a difference is through our support of life-changing, legacy-leaving organizations, such as the American Brain Tumor Association." We extend our deepest gratitude to all at Ambassador for their support and encouragement.

ILLINOIS

Making beaded bracelets are a creative endeavor for Fran Mehalic and her daughters, Tiffany and Morgan, a brain tumor survivor. These unique bracelets are spectacular, and a portion of their sales benefits the programs of ABTA. Please accept our sincere thanks for your beautiful expression of our mutual cause.



September Surprise committee members take a well-deserved break to pose for this picture.



Sally's husband, Jim, is seated at the cashier's table while son Jason helps organize the treasures being purchased at the Sally Eichbauer Garage Sale.

ILLINOIS

Nick Gryfakis ran in this year's Chicago Marathon to raise funds for brain tumor research. Every step along the 26.2-mile course was run in memory of Nick's uncle, George Kamberos. Nick said, "For the few aches and pains I endured during the marathon, I hope the money raised can do something for those suffering with brain tumors who are going through a far more important challenge than mine." Your selflessness and willingness to contribute in any way possible is an inspiration to us. Thank you, Nick.

MICHIGAN

Our thanks are extended to Emily Petrangelo for organizing the 1st Annual Sally Eichbauer Memorial Garage Sale in memory of her mother. The entire family came out for this first public tribute and they plan to make this an annual activity for years to come. Emily wrote, "My Mother was our foundation." We extend our gratitude to the entire Eichbauer family and all of you who are the ABTA foundation — our volunteers.

OHIO

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Toledo Road Runners Club for hosting the annual Randy's 10-miler, in memory of Randy Raker, to benefit our research and education programs. We are thankful for ambassadors like you for your continuing commitment.

ILLINOIS

The 11th Annual September Surprise did not miss a beat. *All That Jazz* featured dinner, gorgeous fashions, beautiful models, auctions, raffles, entertainment and a patriotic segment. This fundraising activity benefits our patient services programs. Thank you to Shirley Jones, Founder; Marlene Banks, Chair; Donna Kutrubis and Carol Costa, Co-Chairs and the hardworking committee for their continued support. Working together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who have been affected by a brain tumor.

Raising Funds & Raising Fun



Six-year-old Timmy Gruensfelder tells Santa what he wants for Christmas, at the Annual Holiday Luncheon for pediatric patients.

ILLINOIS

The beautiful Hotel Sofitel hosted our annual Holiday Luncheon for pediatric brain tumor patients and their families. The role of Santa Claus was well suited by the Chicago Bear's Defensive Tackle, Keith Traylor. All children who visited with Santa had a great experience, and received presents and autographs. Many thanks to all who helped make this a memorable afternoon to those important little people in our lives.

MISSOURI

In 1996 Central Missouri State's beloved Professor and Baseball Coach, Dr. Robert Tompkins, lost his battle to a brain tumor. Five years later, students and faculty joined together for a Run/Walk to raise funds to help find a cure for brain tumors. Many thanks to everyone who helped pay tribute to Dr. Tompkins' spirit in this meaningful way.



Student and faculty organizers of the Dr. Tompkins Run/Walk pause for a photo in front of the ABTA banner. From left to right: Brayce Forsha, Tiffany Madl, Jeff Quint, Leslie Forrester and Dr. Karen Doyle



Mike South and Pat Schuda



Pat Schuda and Mike Schuda

ARIZONA

In honor and in memory of their children, Patsy Moyer and Pat Schuda compiled, designed and sold a Doll Clothes Pattern Book naming ABTA as the recipient of the book sales' profits. Each of the 145 pages is filled with love in honor of Patsy Moyer's daughter, Marilyn Ramsey and in memory of Pat Schuda's sons, Michael Schuda and Michael South. Thank you for taking their childhood joys and making this beautiful tribute to them. For information on purchasing this book, please call Carolyn at the ABTA office, 847-827-9910.

PENNSYLVANIA

What a weekend for the Annual JAG, Jr. Fund and Brain Tumor Research in memory of Joel A. Gingras, Jr.!! Friday morning began with a Golf Outing — that evening featured the VIP Welcome Party with a DJ, Karaoke and refreshments — Saturday the Tubeheads found themselves on the majestic Delaware River, followed by the Saturday Night Bash. But most importantly, the "Best Weekend" of the summer was held for a Great Cause — the research programs of the American Brain Tumor Association. Our grateful thanks to the wonderful Gingras Family and their friends, committees, sponsors and participants for their ongoing commitment and passion. Their steadfast dedication will help us all in our quest to find the answers we seek.



Terri Yarbrough's sisters, Nancy King and Jeanne Savel are all smiles in front of the Fall Festival Sponsor Board.

MISSOURI

The 4th Annual Fall Festival was held as a loving tribute to memorialize Terri Yarbrough. An evening of music, hayrides and square dancing were highlights of the evening's activities at the Babler Riding Stables in Wildwood, Missouri. We express our sincere appreciation to Jeanne Savel, Terri's sister, for organizing yet another successful event for brain tumor research.



The Brownie Golf Committee poses with Mark's family: 4th from left is Dawn, Mark's wife, holding onto daughter, Kristin. Their older daughter, Rachel, is 3rd from right.

TEXAS

Gold Medal Olympians Bonnie Blair and Bob Gainey of the Dallas Stars teamed up again for the 5th Annual Golf Classic for brain tumor research. This weekend event featured a Dallas Stars hockey game, skate party and a day of golf when the Stars' hockey players joined the foursomes. This event continues to be one of the most popular annual fundraisers in the Metroplex. We are ever grateful to Bonnie and Bob for their continuing dedication to our cause.

In addition, Bob Gainey ran the Boston Marathon and raised significant additional dollars for our research

coffers. Thank you, Bob! What an athlete — what a guy!

NORTH CAROLINA

The Ammons Family has done it again...and again, and again! For the 8th year, they have helped ABTA come closer to a cure, stroke by stroke, in memory of their son, Forrest. We look forward to continuing to work together to benefit our mutual cause, with strokes, greens, tees, balls, and whatever else is necessary to bring help and hope to those in need. Special thanks to our dear friends, Stephen and Kim.

TEXAS

In memory of her son-in-law, Lois Clark organized the 1st Annual Tom Nealon Memorial Golf Classic. Lois said, "The loss of my son-in-law was devastating to our entire family and the golf tournament is a way for us to help others in this same predicament..." We thank you for choosing to pay tribute to Tom through ABTA. We are very gratified for being designated as a co-recipient of the proceeds from this event.

TENNESSEE

Sincere appreciation is extended to Tim Whitehead and the family and friends of Mark Brown for organizing and participating in the Brownie Memorial Golf Tournament in Mark's memory. This was a wonderful tribute to a wonderful husband and father, while raising funds for our mutual cause. Thank you all.



The Cizmadia Family gathers for a family picture at their successful Golf Tournament in memory of Dave. From left to right: Nate Whiteman, Heather Cizmadia, Suzanne Whiteman, Bill Cizmadia and Dave Cizmadia, Jr.

OHIO

The 5th Annual Dave Cizmadia Memorial Golf Tournament was "once again, a lot of fun and a success," wrote Dave's daughter, Suzanne Whiteman. A heartfelt thanks to Dave's family and friends who continue to support our efforts.

ILLINOIS

The annual Jim Nortrup Golf Classic once again chose ABTA as the designee of collected funds. Many thanks to Patrick Giordano for coordinating this event, and thanks to all who participated, as they celebrated the life of their friend, Bill Childs.

Shopper's Corner

ABTA SHIRT

A rich purple with the new ABTA logo on the pocket, these short-sleeve polo-style knit shirts are the perfect gift for holidays, birthdays, or just to say "Thinking of You." The shirts are 50% cotton/50% polyester and run true to size. In response to your requests, there are no sponsors or events on this shirt. Shirts are \$15.00 each, or two for \$25.00.



HAPPINESS IS... CALENDAR

Young brain tumor patients were invited to submit a drawing depicting what *Happiness is...* A tribute to children diagnosed with a brain tumor, this 4-color calendar features a poignant drawing each month.

Special thanks to Colleen Clyder for providing the cover artwork. The calendars are \$10 each.



AWARENESS PINS

Help raise brain tumor awareness by wearing a Brain Tumor Awareness pin. These 1" lacquered pins are a soft shade of grey, symbolizing the gray matter of the brain. Pins are \$5 each.



ABTA NOTECARDS



Soothingly pretty, the new ABTA notecards are the perfect way to share your appreciation, send a greeting, or tie on a package. The scenes are soft photos printed in hues of purple-blue; the inside top panel of the card shares the ABTA vision. The inside facing panel is blank for your special message. A set of 5 notecards is \$10.

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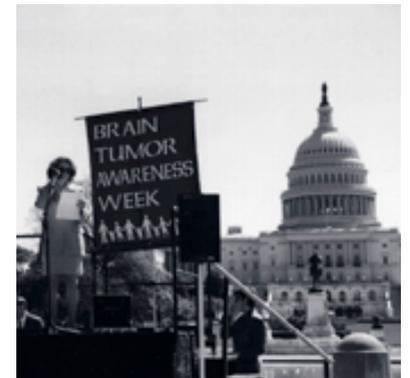
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News & Announcements



ACTION WEEK

There are many ways for you to make your voice heard! Brain Tumor Action Week (BTAW) was created by the North American Brain Tumor Coalition to bring an awareness about brain tumors to the public-at-large, to provide a forum for individuals across the country to hold community events, and to help educate legislators about issues affecting brain tumor patients. It is held each Spring — this year, mark your calendar for May 5-11th, 2002. To obtain an Action Guide packed with Action Week Activities, please call us at 800-886-2282 or send your name and mailing address to: info@abta.org.



LOST AND FOUND

The lyrics tell the story of life suddenly turning upside down; the melody is the soft coaxing we have come to expect from David Bailey. His newest album, *Lost and Found*, brings us through life's experiences to a place of deeper wisdom, intertwined with David's quintessential humor and humility. This new album, along with David's classics, can be sampled and purchased at www.davidmbailey.com.

CLINICAL TRIALS EDUCATION SERIES

The National Cancer Institute recently announced a new series of publications intended to help educate people interested in clinical trials. Included are workbooks which help develop a basic understanding of the trial process, an in-depth program for healthcare professionals, an advocacy and outreach manual, a trainer's guide, and tools to assist in community education programs. The complementary set can be requested via the National Cancer Institute site, accessible at <http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/cancerlit.html>.

INCREASED FUNDING FOR RARE DISEASES

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees approved an increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) amounting to almost 15 percent. In that budget, Congress increased funding for the NIH Office for Rare Diseases (ORD) to \$10,341,000. Previous funding for the Office had stagnated at approximately \$2 million per year. The National Organization for Rare Disorders, asked Congress to appropriate \$24 million for the ORD, which would enable the office to open several clinical research centers for rare disorders. A bill is currently pending before Congress (The Rare Diseases Act, S.1379), which would make the NIH Office for Rare Diseases permanent by writing it into law, and to appropriate \$24 million to the office next year. For additional information, please visit the National Organization for Rare Disorders web site at www.rarediseases.org.



TOOLS FOR LIVING

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and the Brain Tumor Foundation for Children will co-sponsor *Tools for Living: A Symposium for Parents of Children with Brain and Spinal Cord Tumors* in Atlanta, Georgia, May 4-5th, 2002. The meeting is designed to equip parents with answers and solutions to help parent and child cope with the day-to-day issues of living with a brain tumor. For program information, call Mary Campbell at 770-458-5554 or send an e-mail to btfc@bellsouth.net.

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