Meningioma

Gamma Knife radiosurgery has gained an important role to complete microsurgery to achieve long-term tumour control.

What is a meningioma?

Meningiomas are the most commonly found brain tumours, which are normally benign. Very rarely they can be malignant and can sometimes be found in multiple locations in the skull. Many of them are localised at the base of the skull.

What are the symptoms of a meningioma?

Meningiomas cause symptoms by pressing on the brain or other nervous structures. Therefore symptoms will directly relate to wherever neighbouring structures are compressed. Headache can be a general and sometimes the only symptom. Even small tumours can result in symptoms.

How are meningiomas diagnosed?

Diagnosing a meningioma is usually straightforward.

What is the treatment for meningiomas?

Meningiomas should, when growing inside the skull, be done radically to provide a cure. Some meningiomas can be completely without causing damage to the brain or other nervous structures, so meningioma surgery has been proven to be an excellent choice of treatment.

For more information on pre- and post-operative care, please see the patient and Carers section below.

Further information on meningiomas

Please contact the Gamma Knife Centre.

For health professionals

If you would like more information on the clinical applications of Gamma Knife treatment for meningiomas, please see Professor Lippins's website.

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