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 localized 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 whichever 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 a straightforward process.

What is the treatment for meningiomas?

Meningiomas should, when growing is not too rapid, be done radically to provide a cure. Some smaller ones can be removed completely without causing damage to the brain. Large meningiomas and meningiomas that have been proven to be an excellent response to surgery can be treated with Gamma Knife radiosurgery.

For more information on pre- and post-surgery care, 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 Lipkin’s website.

How to arrange Gamma Knife surgery at Bupa Cromwell Hospital

- NHS patients wishing to have Gamma Knife surgery must be referred by their NHS consultant or GP to one of our Gamma Knife specialists.
- Insured and Embassy patients can be referred by their GP, consultant or Embassy as appropriate to one of our Gamma Knife specialists.
- Self-pay patients can self refer to one of our Gamma Knife specialists or be referred by their GP or consultant.

Related services and specialties

- CT scan
- MRI scan

Related downloads

Gamma Knife - meningioma pre-treatment [pdf / 257KB]
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Let us call you back

Arrange for us to call you back at a more convenient time to discuss your needs.

Email the Contact Centre

Send us an email enquiry and we will get back to you.