



# Brain Tumour Australia Information

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Each Treatment Centre has a range of services to provide assistance when a brain tumour is diagnosed. Listed below are some of the professionals available at treatment centres.

radiation therapy to treat tumours

#### Inquire about a referral & appointments —In the Public Health Centres these services may be freely available

- **Neuro-surgeon** - (a Doctor) surgically removes the tumour
- **Neurologist** - (a Doctor) who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
- **Radiation Oncologist** - (a Doctor) Treats the tumour or any residual tumour with radiation therapy
- **Medical Oncologist** - (a Doctor) Treats the tumour or any residual tumour with chemotherapy
- **Neuro-Oncologist** - A Medical Oncologist specialising in the treatment of tumours of the central nervous system (CNS)]
- **Radiation Therapist** - Delivers the actual radiation therapy treatment to the patient by the use of a device called a linear accelerator
- **Social Worker** —Provides counselling, resources & education for the patient, and family including children. Makes community service referrals, and liaises with agencies eg Centrelink on patients behalf
- **Speech Pathologist** - Provides strategies to assist with difficulties with language and swallowing
- **Physiotherapist** - Assists with exercise plans and physical therapies to maximise mobility
- **Occupational Therapist** - Assists with assessment and equipment to maximise independence
- **Dietician** - Assists with weight loss, weight gain, and all associated dietary problems including concerns about diabetics in relation to the use of Medications as well as advise on balancing a nutritional intake of food
- **Neuro-psychologist** - Provides neuro/cognitive function assessments & strategies to assist with behaviour modification therapies and possible return to work
- **Psycho-oncologist** - See Above
- **Clinical Trials Coordinator** - (sometimes called a Data manager) coordinates clinical trials of particular types of treatments eg chemotherapy's and