

Brain tumours

Malignant tumours are cancer in the brain. The tumours can be in the brain tissue or in meninges of the brain.

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Brain tumours occur in approx. 1350 people in Denmark each year.

Symptoms

A brain tumour gets the pressure in the brain to increase. When the tumour grows and the cranium cannot expand, you can get:

- Increasing headache
- Feel fatigue
- Have vomiting
- Get vision disturbances

If you are not treated, the pressure may get so great that you become unconscious.

Some local symptoms may also occur, which has to do with the area where the tumour is located. It can for example be:

- paralysis in the arms or legs
- sensory disturbances
- vision disturbances
- speech disturbances
- personality disturbances
- epileptic seizures
- problems with hearing
- dizziness

Examinations

In case of suspicion of a brain tumour, the doctor will first perform a neurological examination. The diagnosis is made on the basis of a tissue sample examined in microscope.

Treatment

The treatment is operation, which in many cases is combined with x-ray radiation and/or chemotherapy.

Who gets brain cancer?

The brain tumour occurs in all age-groups, also for children and youths. However, the risk of getting the illness increases with age. Cancer in the brain is found equally in women and men.

It is rare that cancer in the brain spreads to other places in the body, because there exists a special barrier, which separates the brain from the bloodstream.

Read more

You can read more about brain tumours on the website of The Danish Cancer Society

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