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## **Brain tumor epidemiology**

Although brain tumors occur less frequently than other forms of cancer, they have one of the bleakest prognoses with low survival rates.

Each year, over 15 000 patients undergo resection of brain tumors in the United States 1).

The facts and statistics include brain and central nervous system tumors (including spinal cord, pituitary and pineal gland tumors).

see The Central Brain Tumor Registry of the United States.

## **Incidence**

Brain tumors have an annual incidence of approximately 24000 new cases in the United States, with the most common, glioblastoma (Glioblastoma), also being the most deadly.

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