

Breast cancer intracranial metastases epidemiology

In adults, lung and breast Ca together account for > 50% of cerebral mets

Intracranial metastases commonly occurs in breast cancer and has been identified in about 20% to 24% of breast cancer patients ^{1) 2)}.

It is the 2nd commonest cause of **intracranial metastases** after **lung cancer** ³⁾.

As patients with advanced breast cancer live longer due to improvements in systemic therapies, the incidence of brain metastases (BM) appears to be increasing ⁴⁾.

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