

# Gross total resection

see also [Near total resection](#)

No residual [enhancement](#) on immediate [postoperative MRI](#).

GTR is associated with better [QoL](#) using the general QoL measures [SF-36](#) and [PROMIS-10](#) and the disease-specific [PANQOL](#), even after controlling for baseline and outcome differences. This is especially significant in the assessment of mental health, indicating there may indeed be a psychological advantage to the patient that translates to overall well-being to have the entire tumor removed if microsurgical [resection](#) is undertaken <sup>1)</sup>.

Gross [total resection](#) (GTR) in [glioblastoma](#) (GB) and [anaplastic astrocytoma](#) (AA) patients is associated with improved [survival](#).

<sup>1)</sup>

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