

The length of time from either the date of diagnosis or the start of treatment for a disease, such as cancer, that half of the patients in a group of patients diagnosed with the disease are still alive. In a clinical trial, measuring the median survival is one way to see how well a new treatment works. Also called [median overall survival](#).

Example:

Median survival of [glioblastoma](#), the most aggressive variant, is 16 months in patients treated with [maximum safe resection](#), radiotherapy, and concurrent and adjuvant temozolomide in clinical trial populations ^{[1\)](#) [2\)](#)}.

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