

Small cell lung cancer intracranial metastases treatment

[Small cell lung cancer intracranial metastases](#) treatment: Surgical [resection](#) considered for immediate life-threatening large lesions.

[XRT](#) is used otherwise.

The standard treatment of clinically evident brain metastases is [whole brain radiotherapy](#) (WBRT), usually in combination with corticosteroids and the solitary metastasis might be additional irradiated with stereotactic radiotherapy or Gamma Knife ^{1) 2) 3) 4)}.

[Prophylactic cranial irradiation](#) did not result in longer overall survival compared with observation in patients with extensive-disease small-cell lung cancer. Prophylactic cranial irradiation is therefore not essential for patients with extensive-disease small-cell lung cancer with any response to initial chemotherapy and a confirmed absence of brain metastases when patients receive periodic MRI examination during follow-up ⁵⁾.

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