

Ultraviolet B

In addition to [stereotactic localization](#) as well as intraoperative brain [mapping](#), techniques to enhance visual identification of tumor intraoperatively may be used and include [5-aminolevulinic-acid \(5-ALA\)](#). 5-ALA is metabolized into fluorescent [porphyrins](#), which accumulate in [malignant glioma](#) cells. These property permits use of [ultraviolet](#) illumination during surgery as an adjunct to map out the [tumor](#). This has been proven with [RCT](#) where the use of 5-ALA leads to more complete [resection](#) (65% vs. 36%, $p < 0.0001$), which translates into a higher 6-month progression-free survival (41% vs. 21.1%, $p = 0.0003$) but no effect on OS ¹⁾

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