

BRAIN TUMOR INSTITUTE VISION

At the **Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University**, we are uniting teams of experts from related, yet diverse, disciplines to infuse new knowledge and perspectives into cancer care and move our basic, clinical, and translational science efforts forward. The interdisciplinary approach embodied by our Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute holds promise for something greater than the sum of individual faculty efforts. Our teams of faculty clinicians and scientists are focused on identifying and treating brain cancers early, determining factors that contribute to their development, researching new therapies and investigational drugs, and developing effective new cancer treatments.

We are catalyzing the talent and resources of our great academic medical center to develop and elevate our Brain Tumor Institute. A primary mission for the Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute is to help build and coordinate a comprehensive multi-departmental, interdisciplinary program focused on brain tumor research and clinical care.

Numerous departments here—including **neurosurgery, neurology, radiology, radiation oncology, pathology, and medicine**—have developed large and comprehensive programs in neurooncology research, education, and clinical care. Through the Brain Tumor Institute, these efforts have the opportunity to unify and evolve into a world-class, elite program that sets national standards for patient care and research. Members of the Institute will have appointments in their own departments and also will be members of the Lurie Cancer Center. The Lurie Cancer Center will be the umbrella organization, while funding and support for the Institute will come from both the Feinberg School of Medicine and Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

It is our mission to:

- Endeavor to find a cure for brain and spinal tumors.
- Train neurooncology researchers and clinicians to meet the highest standards.
- Provide state-of-the-art clinical care to patients with brain tumors.
- Provide resources and support necessary for patients and their families to meet the challenges of living with a brain tumor.

To fully achieve our goals as a leading brain cancer program, we are seeking private support for faculty recruitment and retention, educational and research initiatives, and community outreach—priority areas where funds will have the most impact.

Distinguished Physician or Professorship

Senior faculty members benefit from the time-honored philanthropic support provided by endowed professorships to help them to carry out their missions of research, education, and the delivery of health care. These prestigious positions help recruit and retain the “best of the best” at Northwestern.

Fellowships in Medical and Surgical Neurooncology

Neurooncology requires clinical training beyond what is provided in residency programs. The rigorous training and education offered through such specialized fellowships substantially impacts the clinical care provided by the Institute.

Basic Laboratory Research

Extraordinary recent advances in cellular and molecular biology are revolutionizing our ideas of cancer and approaches to cures. The Institute requires donations to support these promising new investigations.

Clinical Research

The clinical research program seeks to develop new treatments for gliomas and other brain tumors. Seed funding for innovative clinical investigations helps researchers develop their own insights into new treatments for brain tumors.

Clinical Program

To be able to provide comprehensive care to patients, the Institute requires numerous additional personnel such as nurses, psychologists, social workers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and dietitians. Generous philanthropy makes it possible to support these positions and help meet the needs of patients.

Brain Tumor Support Group and Community Outreach and Education

For patients and their families, the complexity of care and the enormous impact of living with a brain tumor require substantially more support than is available in the health care system. Support groups and outreach programs have proven to be a comfort and a resource for people in need.

We invite the philanthropic partnership of individuals who are interested in helping us fulfill our vision. To learn more about supporting the Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute, please contact:

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