

# BRAIN CANCER

KILLS MORE CHILDREN THAN ANY OTHER DISEASE

Yet 90% of Australians are unaware of this fact

\*SOURCE CURE BRAIN CANCER RESEARCH OF 1,010 NATIONALLY REPRESENTATIVE AUSTRALIAN ADULTS AGED 18+ JULY 2014

163



Brain  
Cancer

121



Leukaemia

59



Heart  
Disease

49



Thyroid  
Cancer

34



Heart  
Defect

Number of deaths between 2009-2013

SOURCE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS (2010 - 2014), 3303.0 CAUSES OF DEATH, AUSTRALIA (2009 - 2013) TABLE 1.3: UNDERLYING CAUSE OF DEATH, SELECTED CAUSES BY AGE AT DEATH, NUMBERS AND RATES, AUSTRALIA, AGES 1 - 14 (2009 - 2013)

Brain cancer is deadly, survival rates are low

90%

OF CHILDREN SURVIVE  
LEUKAEMIA

90%

OF PEOPLE SURVIVE  
BREAST CANCER

20%

OF PEOPLE SURVIVE  
BRAIN CANCER

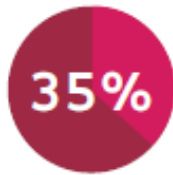
\*SOURCE AIHW NATIONAL CANCER STATISTICS

It gets worse. For some forms, such as glioblastoma or DIPG, 5 year survival is much lower.

**5%**  
OF PEOPLE SURVIVE  
GLIOBLASTOMA

\*SOURCE (OSTROM, Q, GITTLEMAN, H, FARAH, P, ONDRACEK, A, CHEN, Y, WOLINSKY, Y, STROUP, N.E, KRUCHKO, C & BARNHOLTZ-SLOAN, J.S, (2013). CBTRUS STATISTICAL REPORT: PRIMARY BRAIN AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM TUMOURS DIAGNOSIS IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2006-2010. NEURO-ONCOLOGY, P50-51.

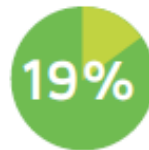
Brain cancer survival rates have barely increased in the last 30 years



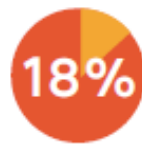
Prostate



Cancer



Bowel



Breast



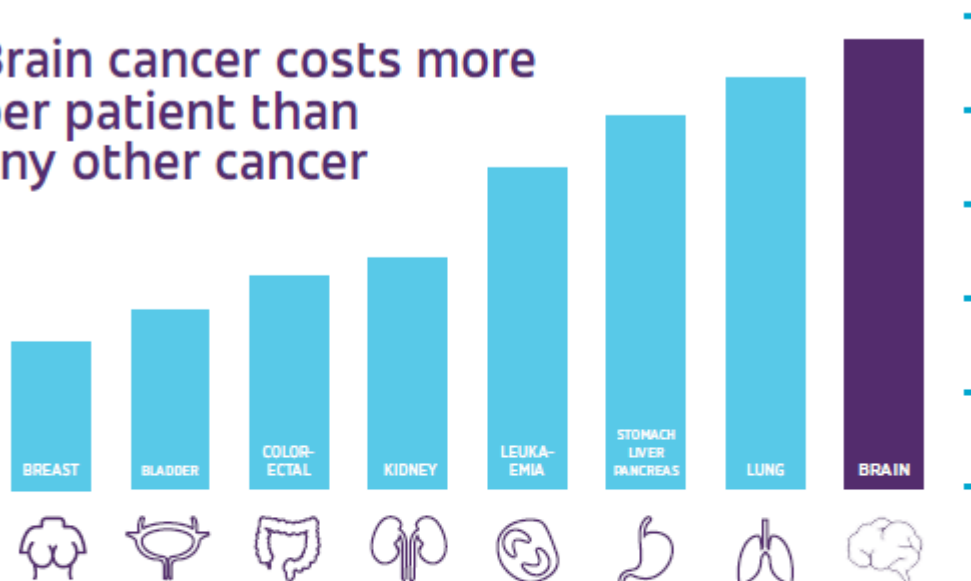
Brain

\* SOURCE: INCREASE IN SURVIVAL RATES 1982 - 2011. AIHW NATIONAL CANCER STATISTICS

Brain cancer kills more people under 40 in Australia than any other cancer.

\*SOURCE: AIHW NATIONAL CANCER STATISTICS

Brain cancer costs more per patient than any other cancer



Index of lifetime cost per patient  
\*SOURCE THE COST OF CANCER NSW – REPORT BY ACCESS ECONOMICS, AUSTRALIA WIDE, APRIL 2007

Yet it receives less than 5% of NHMRC / government cancer research funding

SOURCE NHMRC

Info Graphic Source: [curebraincancer.org.au](http://curebraincancer.org.au)



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