

PROCEDURE

Craniotomy for Removal of Brain Metastasis
Summary of Patient Information for Dr Damien Tange

Treatment options discussed

Nothing / Stereotactic Biopsy / Craniotomy and Biopsy / Radiosurgery

Procedure May need to change procedure during surgery if required
Biopsy only

Aims Removal of tumour
Subtotal removal of tumour
Diagnosis
Prevention of deterioration
Improvement of neurological dysfunction
Reduction of raised pressure in brain from tumour

Outcome without procedure

Failure to improve current symptoms of Headache / Paralysis / Weakness / numbness
Progression of or to: Death / paralysis / blindness / loss of other functions / Other neurological sequelae
Delay may reduce chance to control disease at a later date

Staff Surgeon / Assistant / Anaesthetist / Other

Complications Infection (Meningitis / Brain abscess / bone flap or wound infection) / Cerebrospinal fluid leak / Brain swelling / direct brain injury / Stroke (weakness / numbness / death) / seizures (fits or epilepsy / problems with memory or personality change / Surgery on incorrect side / Major brain vessel injury / Blood clot / Failure to improve / Worsening of initial symptoms / Further surgery / Tumour recurrence / Inaccurate or inconclusive biopsy / Loss of life / Failure to wake up.

Wound (scarring / pain / pigmentation) / Wound breakdown / Drug allergies / Deep Venous Thrombosis (blood clot in legs) / Pulmonary Embolus / Chest or Urinary tract infections / Positioning injuries (Nerves or Pressure sores) / Eye or teeth injuries / Heart attack or other cardiac complications / Kidney failure / Blood transfusion / Other rare complications / Indwelling catheter and complications / Intravenous line complications

Specific Advice: Driving / attendant care post op / work / hospital time and rehab etc.

Patients offered surgery have the right to refuse/change mind or obtain a second opinion.

The procedure has been explained.

Damien Tange _____ Date

Nurse _____ Date

I have had the procedure above explained. I have read and understand the information provided in the leaflet and discussions summarized above.

Patient _____
Guardian _____
Next of kin _____ Date