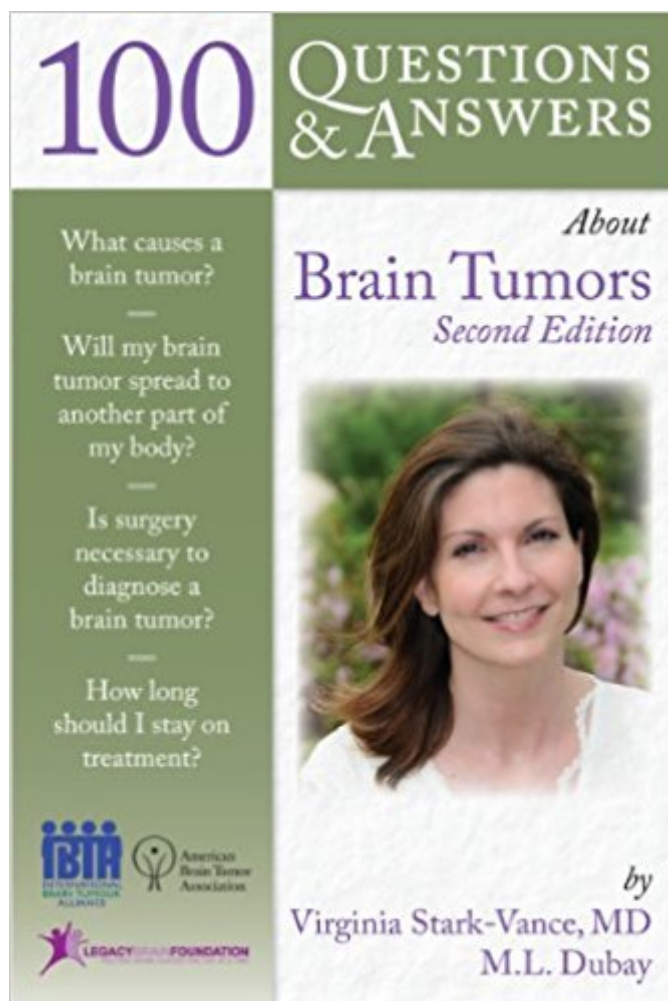


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# 100 Questions & Answers About Brain Tumors



## Synopsis

Whether you're a newly diagnosed brain tumor patient, a survivor, or a friend or relative of either, this book offers help. Completely revised and updated, *100 Questions & Answers About Brain Tumors, Second Edition* gives you authoritative, practical answers to your questions about treatment options, post-treatment quality of life, sources of support, and much more. The authors, a brain tumor survivor teamed with a neuro-oncologist specializing in brain tumors, provide a comprehensive, step-by-step discussion of what you can expect in the diagnosis and treatment of brain tumors, while providing a real-life understanding of what these steps might mean for your day-to-day life. This book is an invaluable resource for anyone coping with the physical and emotional turmoil of this frightening disease.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is well written, our son was just diagnosed with a brain tumor, after the first meeting with the neurologist, there were so many "terms" we just didn't know, it was time to get savvy on the

types of brain tumors, the diagnosis, treatment, and surgery. One of the best things about this book is the italicized comments by Ms. Dubay, who is a brain tumor survivor, from her personal experiences, her fears, and most of all, her successful surgery & post surgery treatments. For the average person who is literally thrown into a whirlwind of frightening terms & "what ifs" that keep you awake at night, this is a great book for finding answers and suggestions for "what's next". I use this book as a reference book whenever a new situation arises, for me this has been the best book to have & use in a very frightening time. Anyone who is in the same situation, searching for answers, you are in my prayers.

If you're looking for specific answers to specific questions regarding malignant brain tumors, this is probably the book for you. However, if you're one of the thousands of folks who have been diagnosed with a meningioma tumor (25-35% of all primary brain tumors, depending on which study you read), this probably won't be of much help. On the contrary, it may scare you half to death. For example, early in the book, the authors state: "Although the 5-year survival for brain tumors patients has increased since 1975, it is still only 34%, and for some of the most common primary brain tumors, the 5-year survival is much less." This seems to imply that the 5-year survival rate for ALL brain tumors is only 34%. However, for benign meningiomas, which make up 25-35% of all primary brain tumors (and therefore qualifies them as one of "the most common primary brain tumors"), the rate is much higher: 70% according to one study (J Neurosurg. 1998 May;88(5):831-9. Factors associated with survival in patients with meningioma. McCarthy BJ, Davis FG, Freels S, Surawicz TS, Damek DM, Grutsch J, Menck HR, Laws ER Jr.) I was bothered by the constant treatment of benign and malignant brain tumors as though they were the same thing. Most meningiomas are benign (up to 90%, again depending on which study you read; the lowest number I saw was 75%), and although they CAN be aggressive (depending on specific "grade" or type), their treatment is usually more conservative than with malignant brain tumors, and very specific depending on location (surgery and/or radiation being the two most common treatments). I guess all I can say is: if your doctor has told you that you have a meningioma, you may want to look elsewhere for information. If, on the other hand, you know you have a glioma, a metastized brain tumor, or any of the other malignant variants, this book will give you a LOT of useful information. Like I said, a mixed bag.

Very helpful during my first through rounds of chemo, following a massive removal of a brain tumor. I was very scared, and going back and forth through this book online helped me a lot. (I read a LOT of

chemotherapy and brain tumor books during my fun days in and out of the hospitals, and this was one of the best.

Read this book in one go and it is very helpful and very informative. As a care taker of my son whom has diagnosed with GBM this month, this book has helped me lot to make better judgement and decisions. Thank you Virginia. Connie

This is a great resource for anyone dealing with a brain tumor or caring for someone with a brain tumor. Answered any questions we had. We liked having the point of view of an actual patient, also!

When my daughter was diagnosed with an astrocytoma this book was a godsend....the author gave personal details as she went through the exact same processes as my daughter did. Informative without frightening us...I would recommend this book to everyone who is dealing with this devastating illness.

I found this resource to be very helpful as I had just discovered that I had a brain tumor.

Appreciated the breadth of topics covered. As a novice on this subject, I needed to figure out where to begin.

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