



Few things are as troubling as a diagnosis of brain or spine cancer. That's why it's so important to know that there is hope—hope that is right close to home. **The Neuro-oncology Clinical Trials Program at the University of Rochester Medical Center provides world class care to people with brain and spine cancer. We are advancing that care by being the only research center in the area that is actively developing new treatments for brain and spinal tumors.**



- We have a state-of-the-art facility, offering the most advanced diagnostic and surgical procedures for brain and spinal tumors.
- Our doctors are highly trained experts with fellowship training at some of the top programs in the country.
- We treat our patients with understanding and compassion, always recognizing the unique emotional challenges of brain and spinal tumors.
- Our outcomes are excellent, consistently among the nation's best.
- We are located in Rochester, so patients can get the treatment they need—and the follow up they'll require—without extensive travel. Recent advances are providing increased hope for people with brain and spinal tumors. With the Brain and Spinal Tumor Program at URMCC, that hope is right nearby.



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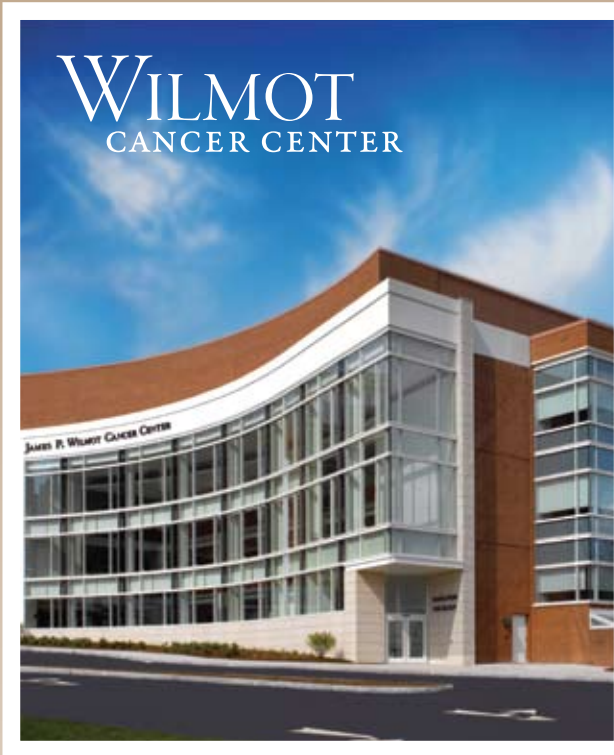


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## Why care close to home is better.

URMC is the only institution in Rochester that offers leading edge clinical trials for patients with brain or spinal tumors. As a result, we are able to provide patients with the most advanced care close to home.

- Our program is a collaboration among numerous surgeons and clinicians from the Del Monte Neuromedicine Institute, the Wilmot Cancer Center and several area hospitals, bringing together the best minds in the region.
- With more trials than any other institution in Western New York, we offer our patients the most innovative and promising treatments for malignant brain tumors and spinal tumors.
- Our doctors are leaders in their fields. They have hundreds of published journal articles to their credit and are often called on to lecture nationally and internationally.
- The care of brain and spinal tumors requires numerous doctor-patient visits, so getting care close to home reduces emotional and financial stress on families.



## Why it's important to see us first.

Some of the most promising treatments for brain and spinal tumors are offered at the time of diagnosis.

If a patient starts with another treatment plan, these advanced options may no longer be available.

Starting with us means access to the very latest trials, ensuring that patients will have the widest possible range of treatment options.

And seeing a full range of experts means we are able to offer the best treatment options, sooner.

## How the care is different.

At the Neuro-oncology Clinical Trials Program, we provide a complete team of doctors including neurosurgeons, radiation oncologists and neuro-oncologists who will meet with each patient as needed and then work closely with one another to develop the best course of treatment.

In most cases, patients will be able to see all of the doctors they need at one appointment, helping to reduce the number of trips to the hospital.

If you would like in-depth information on conditions, treatments and clinical trials, you can **visit our web site at [neurooncology.urmc.edu](http://neurooncology.urmc.edu)** or call us at **585-276-3971**



## Research.

The Neuro-oncology Clinical Trials Program is committed to finding the therapies of tomorrow. That commitment is also helping us to provide our patients with the very latest treatments today.

We are frequently sought out by national cooperative clinical trial groups and pharmaceutical companies to participate in exciting new treatment trials.

For example, we are studying what properties of tumors make them more susceptible to chemotherapy. We are also researching the biochemistry of individual tumors and how they respond to treatment, moving us toward the day when we will be able to personalize treatment for each patient.

Our deep involvement with research helps us to know when a patient should consider participation in a clinical research trial. If we think such a trial would be beneficial, we will work closely with our patient to explain the risks and benefits as well as to help with eligibility and participation.

## What to do when a brain or spinal tumor is diagnosed.

Whether you are a patient or a doctor, it is important to know the best steps to take after the diagnosis of a brain or spinal tumor. By getting the proper care from the very beginning, you will improve the chances of a successful treatment.

For some patients, a clinical trial may provide the greatest hope. For others, a more traditional treatment is the best choice. Starting with us ensures that patients know all of their options and then receive the most advanced care from the area's top experts.

**For more information, please contact the Neuro-oncology Research Coordinator at 585-276-3971.**



## CONTACT US.

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