



Research & Clinical Trials

The implementation of clinical trials for brain tumors is the single most important activity in the effort to find a cure for what has been aptly referred to as “the most horrific of human cancers”.

The biggest challenge facing brain tumor experts today is to harness the tremendous amount of knowledge that is generated in laboratories and “translate” it into treatments for patients. Clinical trials allow this process to happen safely and efficiently.

Clinical trials are categorized into three phases. In the first phase clinical trials investigate the safety of a promising medication. Such phase I trials allow physicians to determine the appropriate dose and schedule for medications. In Phase II trials, the efficacy of the treatments is assessed and in Phase III trials, study treatments are compared to current existing treatments.

The MUSC Brain & Spine Tumor Program strives to bring the most innovative and promising treatments to its brain tumor patients through participation in world-class clinical trials and research that aims to improve the lives of patients with central nervous system tumors.

If you have been diagnosed with cancer and are interested in learning about what clinical trials could be available to you, ask your doctor or call the Hollings Cancer Center Clinical Trials office at 843.792.9321.

For more information on Hollings Cancer Center’s Outreach Services, call 843.792.0878 or visit www.muschealth.com/cancer.

For screening appointments call 843.792.1414 or 1.800.424.MUSC



MUSC Brain & Spine Tumor Program presents:
Brain Tumor Action Week
May 2- 7, 2011

Help Support Brain Tumor Research
by purchasing one of our t-shirts!



Changing What’s Possible in Cancer Care.

Brain Tumor Action Week

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The first week of May is Brain Tumor Action Week (BTAW)- a nationally recognized initiative of the brain tumor community to educate the public about brain tumors and to convince others to join in the fight for an increase in funding for brain tumor research. The Medical University of South Carolina's Brain & Spine Tumor Program has organized several events for BTAW with the goals of: education, awareness, and fundraising to support our brain tumor research efforts.

Brain Tumor Action Week Events- Open to All!

- Display Table- **FREE**
- Dr. Ann Kulze Lecture- **FREE**
- Brain Tumor Action Fair- **FREE**
- Brain Tumor Vigil Service- **FREE**
- Panel Discussion- **FREE**
- Dr. Gabriel Martz Lecture- **FREE**
- Benefit Concert-
\$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

Display Table

May 2nd- 6th (9am- 4pm daily)
Hollings Cancer Center, 1st floor lobby

Display with free brochures and a chance to enter drawing for prizes! Also, pick up FREE brain tumor awareness bracelets and ribbons, and make a donation to brain tumor research!

Dr. Ann Kulze Lecture

May 3rd (5:30pm, reception to follow)
Hollings Cancer Center, Conference Room 120

Dr. Kulze, health & nutrition specialist, presents: "Just Say Whoa! To Cancer" A Motivational Speech for All Cancer Patients! Dr. Ann shares the latest in research on health and nutrition for individuals with cancer in a program that is informative, motivating, and entertaining!

***RSVP REQUIRED**

Brain Tumor Action Fair

May 4th (11am- 2pm)
MUSC Horseshoe

Vendors with information on support services, food vendors and fundraising opportunities for Brain Tumor Research!

Brain Tumor Vigil Service

May 5th (5:30pm)
Hollings Cancer Center, Healing Garden

Created by The Healing Exchange Brain Trust: www.braintrust.org. A service of healing, remembrance, advocacy and hope. Please join us for this vigil in support of those who need healing and in remembrance of those who are no longer with us.

Panel Discussion

May 5th (2:30pm)
Hollings Cancer Center, Conference Room 120

Discussion with Neuro-Oncology Multidisciplinary Physician Team Members. An opportunity for anyone interested in brain tumor education to have a Q & A session with our physicians who provide care for these patients every day. We will have representation from neuro-oncology, neurosurgery, radiation oncology/gamma knife, neuroradiology, and neuropathology.

***RSVP REQUIRED**

Dr. Gabriel Martz Lecture

May 6th (1:30pm)
Hollings Cancer Center, Conference Room 120

Dr. Martz, epilepsy specialist, presents: "What Seizures Are and Why They Happen as a Result of Brain Tumors"

***RSVP REQUIRED**

MUSC Brain & Spine Tumor Program Benefit Concert

May 7th (7pm until close)
The Windjammer on the Isle of Palms

Concert for MUSC Brain Tumor Research. Featuring The 3 Dudes Band, Souls Harbor- Acoustic, Southern Charm, Jesse & the Trippers, and Ben Fagan & the Holy City Hooligans. Also, take part in our silent auction!

\$15 at the door, \$10 in advance through www.etix.com (Ticket proceeds go to brain tumor research.)
Auction Winners to be announced at 9:30pm.

***For more information or to RSVP contact**

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