

# Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group

## Aiming to Improve the Management of Brain Tumours

### WHAT IS SNOG?

The Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group (SNOG) is a charitable organisation which aims to improve the management of brain tumours through targeted research, information sharing and constant scrutiny of treatment options. The Group supports the efforts of a multidisciplinary team of doctors including neurosurgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, neurologists, pathologists, neuroradiologists and palliative care physicians, all of whom have a special interest in the management and treatment of brain tumours.

Considerable development in the treatment of brain tumours has taken place in recent years. Today a wide variety of specialist doctors and nursing staff may be involved in the treatment of brain tumours.

### WHERE IS SNOG BASED?

The Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group is non-institutional specific and is based in the Northern Sydney Area. It draws on patients throughout New South Wales, Australasia and South East Asia.

### HOW IS SNOG FUNDED?

The Group is a non-profit organisation administered by a Board and any monies accrued through donations support research and improving patient management of brain tumours.

The Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group will benefit substantially from your support. The coupon attached provides an opportunity for you to make a donation to the Group. Contributions will be gratefully received.

### OUR AIM

The Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group aims to enhance the management of brain tumours by involving a coordinated group of specialist doctors from multiple disciplines in the decision-making and treatment process rather than a solitary doctor making critical decisions in isolation.

The aim of the Group is to collect data on the natural history and management of brain tumours, specifically to scrutinise the effect of various treatment protocols on the outcome of these tumours. Working with a comprehensive database, the Group is able to assess the multiple variables that are involved in the overall management of tumours. This includes epidemiological data such as the effect of mobile phones on the incidence of brain tumours and the effect of relatively newer prescribed drugs such as Thalidomide/Temozolamide on the outcome of malignant tumours. This information is provided in peer review medical journals and made readily available to the public via patient support groups and internet profiles.

The Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group also recognises the need for ongoing support for the patients diagnosed with brain tumours and their family members. It has supported the development of a Brain Tumour Support Group; the first of its kind in NSW. The purpose of the support group is to provide education about brain tumours as well as an environment where patients and families can meet and share their experiences.

The Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group is also involved in various research projects that include epidemiology, diagnostic imaging, surgical techniques, radiation and drug trials.

In 2003, the Inaugural Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group Research Fellowship will be offered to further studies in molecular biology of brain tumours in collaboration with the Kolling Institute of Medical Research.

The Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group acknowledges its obligations to you under the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000. The personal information we collect about you will be used solely for our research. Information will not be given out to any other party without consent. The privacy policy is available on the website.

## MAKE A DONATION

I wish to support the Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group in its important work into improving the management of brain tumours. Please accept my gift of:

\$ .....  
(all donations are tax deductible)

### CHEQUE

I enclose my cheque payable to the **Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group**

### CREDIT CARD

Please debit my credit card for the above amount on this form:

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I would like to contribute \$..... per year for  
years to help the Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group

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Group

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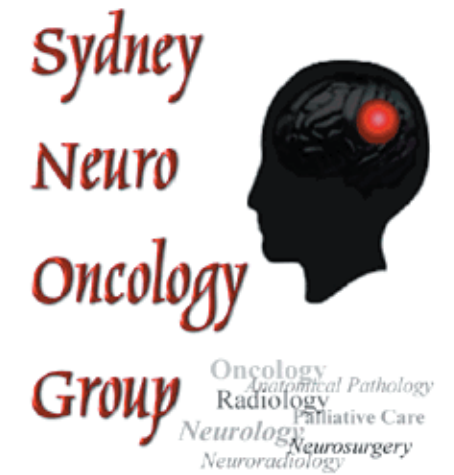
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**Or visit us at: [www.snog.org.au](http://www.snog.org.au)**



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