



Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute

Institute Overview

In 2008, we established the Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute (NBTI) and united a team of experts from related, yet diverse, disciplines in order to infuse new knowledge and perspectives into the treatment of brain and spinal tumors, and also to advance basic, clinical, and translational research efforts. Under the auspices of the Cancer Institutes at Northwestern Medicine® and the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center at Northwestern University, the Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute has recruited the nation's top clinicians and scientists. These devoted faculty are focused on identifying and treating brain cancers early, determining factors that contribute to tumor development, and exploring new therapeutic means of brain tumor treatment. This interdisciplinary approach enables a spectrum of care that is far greater than the sum of individual faculty efforts.

Northwestern Memorial Hospital's neurology and neurosurgery specialties have earned national acclaim, ranking 9th in the nation and first in Illinois on the 2016 *U.S. News & World Report's* annual list of "America's Best Hospitals." Additionally, as a part of the Lurie Cancer Center—one of only two National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in Illinois and 47 in the nation—our research teams of faculty clinicians and scientists are focused on identifying and treating brain cancers early, determining factors that contribute to their development, researching new therapies and investigational drugs, developing effective new cancer treatments, and enhancing our patients' quality of life. The NBTI's research priorities have been significantly strengthened by the presence of Northwestern University's premier Stem Cell Research Laboratory, one of the only Centers of Cancer Nanotechnology Excellence in the United States, and one of the nation's foremost molecular analysis research laboratories.

We are catalyzing the talent and resources of our great academic medical center to develop and elevate the Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute. Among the NBTI's central goals is the coordination of a comprehensive and highly collaborative program focused on brain tumor research and clinical care.

It is our mission to:

- Endeavor to find a cure for brain and spinal tumors;
- Train neuro-oncology researchers and clinicians to meet the highest standards;
- Deliver state-of-the-art clinical care to patients with brain tumors; and
- Provide resources and support necessary for patients and their families to meet the challenges of living with a brain tumor.

8th Annual Minds Matter Benefit

As we work to fully achieve our goals as a leading brain cancer program, we are pleased to announce that the 8th Annual *Minds Matter Benefit* will be held the evening of Friday, May 19, 2017, at the Four Seasons Chicago. Our previous events have enjoyed tremendous success, with approximately 500 guests attending annually and raising nearly \$4.5 million in net revenue for the NBTI since 2009. *Minds Matter* is much more than a fundraiser. It has grown to be a celebration of survivorship, of important groundbreaking medical research, and of improving treatment outcomes and quality of life for patients.

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