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In case you missed it, check out our [2020 Government Relations Impact Report now](#).

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Take Action Now for Childhood Cancer



[Contact your members of Congress now](#) and ask that they support additional research funding for children diagnosed with cancer, including brain tumors!

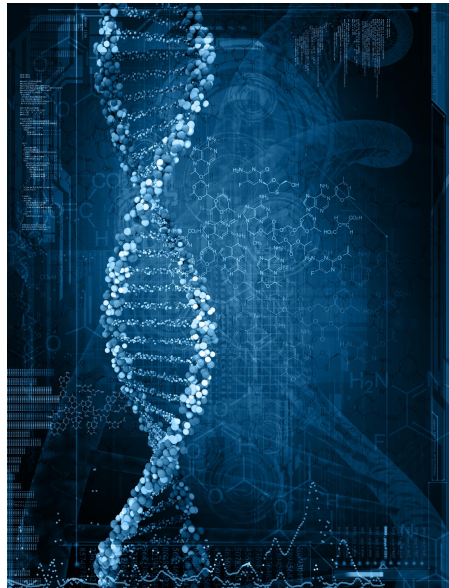
Pediatric brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related death among children and adolescents ages 0-19 years. The bipartisan [Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0 \(H.R. 623\)](#) aims to change this staggering statistic by providing much needed research for childhood cancer and other pediatric diseases.

Danielle Leach, chief of community & government relations at NBTS, recently took part in a roundtable to discuss the impact of the Kids First program on childhood cancer and disease research. View the [virtual roundtable program here](#).

Contact your legislators today and ask them to support this vital piece of legislation to give hope to children diagnosed with brain tumors and all childhood cancers.

Take Action

Know Your Tumor: Genomic Profiling



National Brain Tumor Society is proud to partner with Bayer in 2021 to establish educational resources to inform our patient population of genomic profiling and its role in effective treatments. In order to develop an educational campaign that will enhance patient and caregiver knowledge, we want to hear from our community.

February's [Brain Tumor Support Conversation](#) will include a brief 10-15 minute open forum guided by a couple of questions regarding genomic profiling and the impact it has had on your brain

tumor experience. We look forward to learning from you and having your input guide us as we develop an effective educational initiative that will meet the needs of the brain tumor community. Join us February 21st at 7 pm/EST!

Meditation Mondays and Brain Tumor Support Conversations



Mental health and well-being has never been more important for our patients and their caregivers. NBTS is pleased to offer [Meditation Mondays](#) and [Brain Tumor Support Conversations](#) to provide support and an opportunity to connect with members of our community. Meditation Mondays are held the second Monday of each month. Our next session is March 8th at 7pm/EST. You can also [view previous sessions anytime throughout the month](#).

[Brain Tumor Support Conversations](#) are offered on the third Sunday of each month. Our next sessions is February 21st at 7pm/EST. We hope you will join us!

We Are Here To Help!



National Brain Tumor Society's [Personalized Support and Navigation](#) initiative connects patients and caregivers with our patient navigator--a medical professional on the NBTS staff--who provides individualized, unbiased information, resources, support programs and services, and assists in meeting other brain tumor-related needs of patients and caregivers. Equipped with knowledge and personalized support, patients and caregivers are empowered to make the most informed decisions possible regarding their treatment and care options.

To connect with our patient navigator, Mary Lovely, PhD, RN, CNRN, email patientnavigator@braintumor.org.

Patient and Caregiver Toolkit



National Brain Tumor Society's [Patient and Caregiver Toolkit](#) is a comprehensive hub of important resources for the brain tumor community that can be found on our website. Here you will find the [Brain Tumor Experience Portal](#), [NBTs Clinical Trial Finder](#), [telehealth information](#), and specialized educational campaigns.

For more information, please contact Rachael Kittleson at rkittleson@braintumor.org.

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National Brain Tumor Society unrelentingly invests in, mobilizes, and unites our community to discover a cure, deliver effective treatments, and advocate for patients and care partners. Our vision is to conquer and cure brain tumors - once and for all.

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