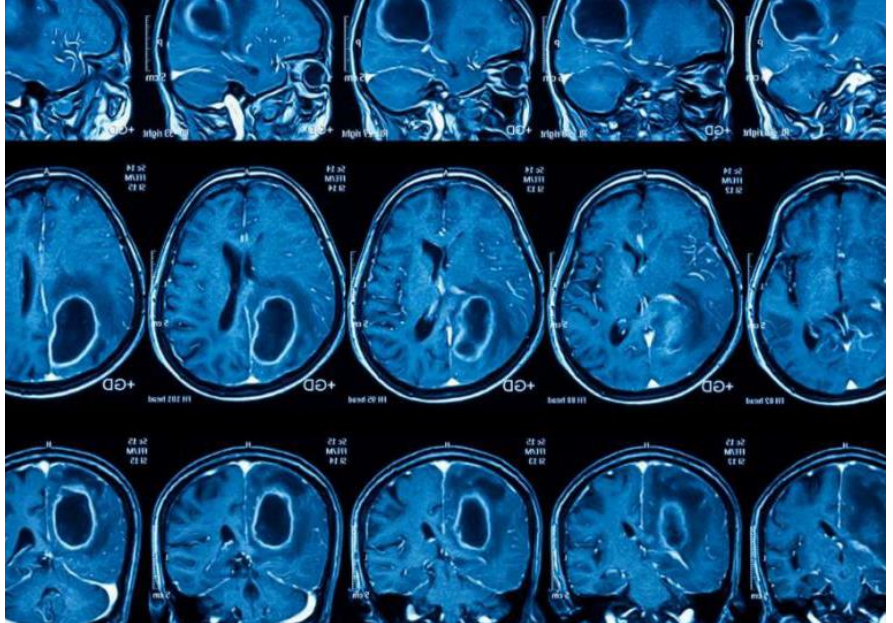


## Supporting Glioblastoma Patients

There is nothing straightforward about glioblastoma, the most common type of brain cancer.

Glioblastoma is aggressive and treatment options are limited. Surgery increases the risk of damage to other areas of the brain, while many medications are unable to break the brain/blood barrier to reach the tumour.

To help care for these patients, Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre oversees the largest number of radiation therapy and chemotherapy patients in the region. The site is amongst a handful of cancer centres in Ontario currently treating glioblastoma. Care is provided for four to five new patients each week, resulting in more than 260 new patients a year.



“Every patient is cared for not by a single physician, but by the entire multidisciplinary team,” says Dr. Crystal Hann, Chair of the Disease Site Team for brain cancers.

The integrated care team includes oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgeons and other specialists. They collaborate weekly to ensure patients receive optimal care plans. Patients undergoing treatment for glioblastoma are typically treated with a combination of chemotherapy and radiation.

As one of the top research hospitals in Canada, teams at the site are also leading the way with ground-breaking research and innovative clinical trials. There are currently two glioblastoma clinical trials underway at Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre.

Donor support makes a vital difference because it enables leading-edge research and supports the purchase of equipment and amenities needed to care for these patients.