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Current Position:

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Reminder from Dr. :

The nervous system is the one of the most complex systems in the human body, any neoplastic growth inside the nervous system will cause compression or destruction of nearby neural tissue in variable degrees. Reversible or permanent neurological conditions such as convulsions, dysphasia, paralysis, changes in mental status, etc. can be resulted from tumors growing inside the nervous system.

Cranial surgery or simply “brain surgery” is a scary term to talk about for most people, however, the percentage of having serious sequela after cranial surgery is actually quite low nowadays. In some circumstances, surgeries can even be carried out with limited wound openings, *i.e.* minimally invasive surgery. In current

practice of neuro-oncology, the mainstay of treatment for tumors inside the nervous system is still surgical removal, with other methods (*e.g.* radiosurgery, chemotherapy, immunotherapy) being adjuncts or alternatives to conditions deemed inoperable. It is crucial not to delay the best time of treatment just because of being scared to “have your head opened” , a shared decision between the patient and the doctor is still the best way of achieving a better goal of treatment.

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