

# Partners in Treatment & Care

## PATIENT & CAREGIVER MEETINGS



## AGENDA

Atlanta, GA  
March 3, 2018

**8:30 a.m.**

**Registration, Check-In and Resource Fair Opens**  
(Light Breakfast)

**9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

**Welcome**  
Emily Lippert  
Program Manager  
American Brain Tumor Association

**9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

**Brain Tumor Board**  
Panelists:  
[John W. Henson, MD, MBA, FACHE](#), *Chief of Oncology Services, Piedmont Healthcare*  
[James W. Berger, MD](#), *Diagnostic Radiology, Neuroradiology, Piedmont Healthcare*  
[D. Jay McCracken, MD](#), *Neurosurgical Oncologist, Emory University*  
[Stewart G. Neill, MD](#), *Neuropathologist, Emory University*

A panel of brain tumor specialists will work through real brain tumor patient cases in order to arrive at consensus recommendations for the best tumor-directed and symptom-directed treatments. The experts welcome the opportunity to answer questions from the audience.

**10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Break, Networking and Resource Fair**

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**10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

### **Living with a Brain Tumor: Patient & Caregiver Panel**

Local patients and caregivers share their journey as they are navigating through the process of living with a brain tumor or caring for their loved one who has a brain tumor. This session will give attendees the opportunity to participate in a discussion and relate with other patients and caregivers who are walking through a similar journey. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions to the patient and caregiver panelists.

**11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

### **Patient & Caregiver Roundtables**

Attendees will have the opportunity to breakout into patient and caregiver roundtables or small discussion groups so that they can share their journey and experiences with each other, offer each other encouragement, and make new connections.

**11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

### **Lunch, Networking and Resource Fair**

(Lunch provided)

**12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

### **Advancing Brain Tumor Treatments**

[Duane Mitchell, MD, PhD](#), *Co-Director, Preston A. Wells, Jr. Center for Brain Tumor Therapy, University of Florida*

Learn about the latest advances in brain tumor treatments including drug therapies, new devices, and clinical trials, as well as the latest resources to help patients and caregivers get the most out of their treatments. This session will include advice on what questions to ask specialists, tips on advocating for the patient, and an opportunity to have your important questions answered.

**1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

### **Closing Remarks**

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## RESOURCE FAIR

In addition to the program sessions, we encourage you to visit the resource fair for local and regional brain tumor resources and support, including treatment centers, support groups and allied care providers.

The American Brain Tumor Association thanks the following organizations for their support in the resource fair:

- **Piedmont Healthcare**
- **Emory Healthcare**
- **Mayo Clinic**
- **University of Florida Health**
- **Southeastern Brain Tumor Foundation**
- **Thumbs Up Mission**

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## PATIENT AND CAREGIVER SUPPORT

A brain tumor diagnosis can be extremely overwhelming for patients and their loved ones. The ABTA offers support and information about treatments, side effects and the overall progression of the illness.

- The **ABTA toll-free CareLine** 1-800-886-ABTA (2282) is staffed by caring professionals who are available Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CT to help connect patients and caregivers with information and resources that can help support them on their brain tumor journey.
- **ABTA Connections** is a 24/7 online support community that links patients, families and friends with each other for support and inspiration
- **TrialConnect™** is a clinical trial matching service that connects brain tumor patients with appropriate clinical trials based on their tumor type and treatment history.

The ABTA website, [www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org), is recognized internationally as a comprehensive and trustworthy source of brain tumor information for patients, families and health care professionals. Here you can find information about:

- Adult and pediatric brain tumors – anatomy, tumor types, diagnosis, treatment and other helpful information
- Information for the newly diagnosed
- Adult and pediatric caregiver resource centers
- Publications related to tumor types and treatment options
- Educational webinars from nationally-recognized health, medical and scientific experts
- Local resources, including support groups and patient education conferences
- Sharing your brain tumor story and registering for communications that will keep you current on research, treatment developments, and ABTA programs and services

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## ABTA PUBLICATIONS

The American Brain Tumor Association is a trusted resource for brain tumor patients, caregivers and health care professionals around the country. We offer a wide range of publications that can be accessed and downloaded from our website, or you can request hard copies by calling our CareLine at 800-866-ABTA (2282).

### PUBLICATIONS

- About Brain Tumors: A Primer for Patients and Caregivers
- Brain Tumors – A Handbook for the Newly Diagnosed\*
- Brain Tumor Dictionary\*
- Caregiver Handbook\*
- Returning to Work after a Brain Tumor Diagnosis\*
- Quick Guide to the Family Medical Leave Act\*

### Tumor Types:

- Ependymoma
- Glioblastoma and Malignant Astrocytoma
- Medulloblastoma
- Meningioma
- Metastatic Brain Tumors
- Oligodendroglioma and Oligoastrocytoma
- Pituitary Tumors

### Treatments:

- Chemotherapy
- Clinical Trials
- Conventional Radiation Therapy
- Proton Therapy
- Stereotactic Radiosurgery\*
- Steroids
- Surgery

*\*These publications are not yet available for download in Spanish.*

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## ABOUT THE ABTA

Founded in 1973, the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) was the first national nonprofit advocacy organization dedicated solely to brain tumors. For over 45 years, the ABTA has provided comprehensive resources that support the complex needs of brain tumor patients and caregivers, as well as the critical funding of research in the pursuit of breakthroughs in brain tumor diagnosis, treatment and care.

To learn more, visit [www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org). For help, resources or to find out how you can get more involved, call 800-886-ABTA (2282) or email us at [info@abta.org](mailto:info@abta.org).

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the American Brain Tumor Association is to advance the understanding and treatment of brain tumors with the goals of improving, extending and, ultimately, saving the lives of those impacted by a brain tumor diagnosis.

We do this through interactions and engagements with brain tumor patients and their families, collaborations with allied groups and organizations, and the funding of brain tumor research.

## OUR VISION

A future where not one life is lost to a brain tumor.

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