National Brain Tumor Society distributed a brain tumor patient and caregiver survey to discover what symptoms, signs, and functions are important to patients. Adding these measures into brain tumor clinical trials will ultimately improve patient care.

WHO TOOK THE SURVEY?

999 CAREGIVER PARTICIPANTS

17% MALE

83% FEMALE

Which individual in your life has been diagnosed or was diagnosed with a brain tumor?

What type of tumor has the individual in your life been diagnosed with?

- 76% ASTROCYTOMAS INCLUDING GBM
- 24% OTHER

LENGTH AND INVOLVEMENT OF CAREGIVERSHIP

Approximately how much time do you or did you spend each week providing care to someone with a brain tumor?

40% Percentage of respondents that spend 40 hours or more providing care to someone with a brain tumor

Most caregivers are ALWAYS INVOLVED in the following area’s of a patient’s life:

- treatment decision making, doctor’s appointments, transportation

Most caregivers are CONSISTENTLY INVOLVED in the following area’s of a patient’s life:

- everyday activities, personal care, finances, and administration of treatment/medications

TOP PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE BRAIN TUMOR TREATMENTS (other than living longer)

- Retain brain functioning
- Maintain ability to walk and perform basic physical tasks
- Reduce pain, including headaches

ASTROCYTOMAS INCLUDING GBM

GBM/Astrocytoma, Oligodendroglioma, and Meningioma caregivers

We shared these survey results with those who are critical to the drug development process – doctors, researchers, drug makers and the FDA – in October 2014. Visit our website to learn more about this effort.