

Astrocytoma - Childhood - Symptoms and Signs [1]

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Children with astrocytoma may experience the following symptoms or signs. Sometimes, children with astrocytoma do not show any of these symptoms. Or, these symptoms may be caused by a medical condition that is not a tumor.

- Headaches
- Feeling tired and listless
- Seizures not related to a high fever
- Eyesight problems, such as double vision
- Changed growth or development

In a baby, the only symptom may be that the head is growing too fast. An infant's skull can expand to make room for a growing tumor in the brain, so a baby with astrocytoma may have a larger than normal head.

If you are concerned about one or more of the symptoms or signs on this list, please talk with your child's doctor. The doctor will ask how long and how often your child has been experiencing the symptom(s), in addition to other questions. This is to help find out the cause of the problem, called a [diagnosis](#) [3].

If a tumor is diagnosed, relieving symptoms remains an important part of care and treatment. This may also be called symptom management, palliative care, or supportive care. Be sure to talk with the health care team about symptoms your child experiences, including any new symptoms or a change in symptoms.

The next section helps explain what tests and scans may be needed to learn more about the cause of the symptoms. Use the menu on the side of your screen to select [Diagnosis](#), or you can select another section, to continue reading this guide.

Links:

[1] <http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/astrocytoma-childhood/symptoms-and-signs>

[2] <http://www.cancer.net/about-us>

[3] <http://www.cancer.net/node/18493>