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Ependymoma - Childhood - Statistics [1]

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ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many children are diagnosed with ependymoma each year. You will also learn some general information on surviving the disease. Remember, survival rates depend on several factors. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

Ependymoma occurs most often in young children, accounting for about 9% of all childhood brain cancers. About 200 children are diagnosed each year.

The 5-year survival rate tells you what percent of children live at least 5 years after the cancer is found. Percent means how many out of 100. The 5-year survival rate for children with ependymoma from birth to age 19 is approximately 75%.

It is important to remember that statistics on how many children survive this type of cancer are an estimate. The estimate comes from data based on children with this cancer in the United States each year. So, your own child's risk may be different. Doctors cannot say for sure how long any child will live with ependymoma. Also, experts measure the survival statistics every 5 years. This means that the estimate may not show the results of better diagnosis or treatment available for less than 5 years. Learn more about understanding statistics [3].

Sources: American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute.

The next section in this guide is Medical Illustrations [4]. *It offers drawings of body parts often affected by this disease. Or, use the menu on the left side of your screen to choose another section to continue reading this guide.*

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