

Medulloblastoma - Childhood - Symptoms and Signs [1]

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

- Headaches
- Morning vomiting that worsens over time
- Clumsiness
- Problems with handwriting and other motor skills that worsen over time
- Problems with vision or an eye turning inwards

If the tumor spreads to the spinal cord, it may cause the following symptoms:

- Back pain
- Inability to control the bowels and bladder
- Difficulty walking

If you are concerned about one or more of the symptoms or signs on this list, please talk with your child's doctor. Your 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 brain 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 your child's 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/medulloblastoma-childhood/symptoms-and-signs>

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

[3] <http://www.cancer.net/node/19242>