

# Diffuse Glioma Testing Resources

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## **Purpose**

To provide a short list of resources for health care providers who take care of diffuse glioma patients.

## **Links to important papers in DropBox**

### **What we know about glioblastoma**

The molecular era of GBM begins

### **The rise of IDH1/2**

Original work comes from TCGA **GBM** dataset!?

Lower grade diffuse gliomas examined by massive sequencing effort

IDH mutant diffuse and anaplastic astrocytomas: pretty much the same thing

The end of IDH wild type diffuse astrocytoma: WHO update with c-IMPACT-NOW update 3

### **Why methylation of MGMT is important**

The original New England Journal report

Wick's review piece

### **In our backyard: Mayo's "Revolution in Brain Tumor Diagnosis"**

Mayo stratifies gliomas with 1p/19q, IDH status and TERT promoter methylation

### **IDH-WT grade II or III infiltrating astrocytoma: GBM in sheep's clothing**

Adult IDH wild type grade II and grade III gliomas should be further stratified

Adult IDH wild type grade II and III gliomas belong to GBM molecular class

Inventing a new class of diffuse glioma to accommodate the molecular findings

Prognostic relevance of genetic alterations to diffuse lower grade gliomas

**So you think it might be a “Diffuse astrocytic glioma, IDH-wildtype, with molecular features of glioblastoma, WHO grade IV”... how do you support your impression?**

EGFR amplification, +7 and -10 shown to be helpful. . . at least in classification

TERT promoter mutation, +7, -10 shown to improve prognostication in IDH WT diffuse lower grade gliomas

But prognosis and prediction are mostly a matter of IDH mutation and MGMT promoter methylation

**Additional testing may be useful in some IDH mutant tumors too**

CDKN2A loss is associated with shortened survival in IDH mutant grade II and III astrocytomas

**Other considerations**

Diffuse midline gliomas and histone mutations: nomenclature considerations

H3K27M mutants: a plurality in pediatric high grade glioma and DIPG

**In infants and children, see especially...**

**BRAF Alterations**

Pilocytic astrocytoma and BRAF translocation/duplication

BRAF V600E in context with BRAF translocation/duplications: V600E heralds other tumors too

**Other uncommon low grade neuroepithelial tumors**

Low-grade neuroepithelial tumors: BRAF, FGFR1 and MYB mutations

**High grade supratentorial pediatric neuroepithelial tumors**

Uncommon supratentorial high grade neuroepithelial tumors

**High grade supratentorial pediatric neuroepithelial tumors**

Developing ontology: Figure 1 and Table 1 in this paper show how to start dissecting these rare and lethal pediatric tumors

Pediatric gliomas: a review

**Methylation profiling based classification: what's the fuss?**

Time to put away the microscope?

**Panels for diffuse gliomas come of age.**

A diffuse glioma NGS panel covering a variety of targets. (Duesseldorf)

## **Important websites:**

### **Sites for exploring The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) data:**

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center: [cBioPortal](#)

Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard: [Firebrowse](#)

Fred Hutch, Seattle, [Oncoscape](#)

### **Site for connecting to methylation profiling in Europe:**

Heidelberg methylation profiling