

Synopsis

Brain tumors in childhood create complex issues for the patient, the family and healthcare delivery personnel. There has been substantial focus on understanding the mechanisms of disease, and incrementing interest in the treatment, morbidity and social and developmental impacts of these tumors on the child and family. This symposium will consider aspects of causation, from a molecular and genetic perspective, surgical, radiation and chemotherapeutic advances, new concepts in rehabilitation and mitigation of neurocognitive impact, particularities of psychosocial care for both patient and caregivers, the developmental trajectory and palliative care. In short, it will offer a 360 degree view of childhood CNS tumors in 2009 – the whole patient and the context in which the brain tumor journey is undertaken.