The brain tumour team  
- from idea to reality

The Neurosurgery clinic at the University hospital in Linköping

Founded/established in 1964

South east Sweden hospital area - 1 million inhabitants

About 100 surgeries a year
Background

The origin of the team

The reason why the Brain tumour team started

Input from relatives

• Puttes Memorial Fund, it is a family association for patients with brain tumours.
The team wanted to start a project in order to improve the care of patients with brain tumours and their relatives, and to be able to put in early-stage physiotherapy, cognition- and psychological rehabilitation.

Started 2016

Eight persons – five professions

Regularly meetings - discussions between all the different professions
The Team

A common email address

A phone for patient, relative and others to get in contact with the team. The phone is manned between 08:00 and 15:30 every weekday

An improvement work has started
“Hello” my “team, just thought to send a test mail and be sure to announce that my weekend has been ok on the whole. Physically, I feel as usual and psychologically, I think it works well, even though thoughts sometimes come across me. Feels completely unreal sometimes that this has happened, especially when I do not feel sick. Luckily, you can laugh at the misery anyway. ”

Results

A resource to the patient, relative and others in the care chain

Easy to reach

Cluster work

A more patient centred care

Spin of effect
Strength and weakness

A shorter way between question and the answer

A direct phone without a phone queue

The team has to learn about other instances to get knowledge about the other parts of the care chain

The future

We have to inform more about the team

We need more resources

Go from being a project to become stationary
A long-term goal is that patients with malignant brain tumours in the south-eastern region should receive similar care and follow-up