

## **Global Bill of Rights for Glioblastoma Patients**

The Glioblastoma Bill of Rights, an initiative of the nonprofit OurBrainBank, is promoted each year on Glioblastoma Awareness Day. In 2021, GBM Day falls on July 21.

Launched on Glioblastoma Awareness Day, July 22nd 2020, this is a global program supported by major cancer nonprofits, including the International Brain Tumour Alliance, the American Brain Tumor Association and the National Brain Tumor Society in the US, the Tessa Jowell Foundation in the UK, and the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse in Australia.

Glioblastoma (GBM) is an aggressive, deadly brain tumor with no cure. The current standard of care is failing patients. The GBM Bill of Rights was crafted from the <u>results</u> of a 2019 survey taken by 400+ people affected by GBM. It includes the right to: personalized care, genetic testing, a second opinion, experimental trials and treatments, psychological support, money-blind treatment, fast-tracked MRI results, best end-of-life care, and more. Watch actor <u>Julian Sands</u>, who lost a good friend to GBM, read the rights.

OurBrainBank founder Jessica Morris (1963-2021), said in 2020, "The GBM Bill of Rights is a practical and aspirational tool for all of us. Empowered to demand these rights, we have the ability to improve quality of life and outcomes, and to move the needle on this devastating disease. This is a roadmap to patient power and a brighter future."

## About OurBrainBank:

OurBrainBank is an innovative, patient-led movement designed to move glioblastoma from terminal to treatable, powered by patients. It's the first non-profit created by, with, and for people living with GBM, an aggressive and rare brain cancer. The five-year survival rate is 5%. Founder Jessica Morris (1963-2021) created OurBrainBank after being diagnosed with glioblastoma in January 2016.

## Supporters of the GBM Bill of Rights

American Brain Tumor Association, Brain Cancer Project of Count Me In, Brain Donor Project, Brains for the Cure, Brain Tumor Network, Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, FundLove, GlioNET, Head for the Cure Foundation, Musella Foundation, National Brain Tumor Society, StacheStrong, Tessa Jowell Foundation

## OurBrainBank Medical & Technical Advisors

Dr. Fabio Iwamoto, Deputy Director, Division of Neuro-Oncology, Columbia University, chairs our exceptional team of multi-disciplinary advisors from the National Institutes of Health, Dana-Farber, Memorial Sloan Kettering, Northwell Health, and other institutions.

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