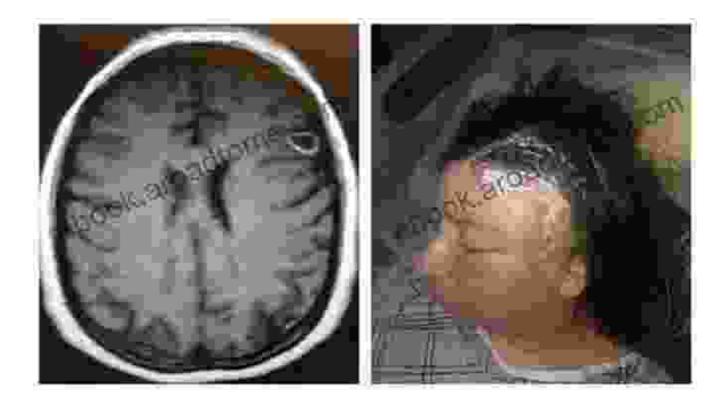
# One Girl's Story: Surviving Brain Tumor Postoperative PTSD





## Reduced to Madness: One Girl's Story About Surviving A Brain Tumor & Postoperative PTSD

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When I was 16 years old, I was diagnosed with a brain tumor. It was a scary time for me and my family. I had surgery to remove the tumor, and the surgery was successful. However, after the surgery, I developed PTSD.

PTSD is a mental health condition that can develop after someone has experienced a traumatic event. Symptoms of PTSD can include flashbacks, nightmares, anxiety, and depression.

I experienced all of these symptoms after my brain tumor surgery. I had flashbacks of the surgery, and I would wake up in the middle of the night screaming. I was also anxious and depressed all the time.

My PTSD made it difficult for me to live my life. I couldn't go to school, and I couldn't see my friends. I felt like I was trapped in a nightmare.

I tried to get help for my PTSD, but nothing seemed to work. I saw therapists, and I took medication, but nothing helped.

Finally, I found a therapist who specialized in PTSD. She helped me to understand my PTSD and to develop coping mechanisms. I also started to go to support groups, where I met other people who had experienced PTSD.

With time and effort, I was able to overcome my PTSD. I went back to school, and I started seeing my friends again. I also got a job, and I started to live my life again.

My journey to recovery was not easy, but it was worth it. I am now a happy and healthy young woman, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share my story. I hope that my story will inspire others who are struggling with PTSD. PTSD is a serious condition, but it can be overcome. With the right help, you can recover and live a full and happy life.

#### Symptoms of PTSD

The symptoms of PTSD can vary from person to person. However, some common symptoms include:

\* Flashbacks \* Nightmares \* Anxiety \* Depression \* Avoidance of reminders of the traumatic event \* Difficulty sleeping \* Irritability \* Difficulty concentrating \* Loss of interest in activities \* Feelings of guilt or shame \* Suicidal thoughts

#### Causes of PTSD

PTSD can be caused by any traumatic event. Some common causes of PTSD include:

\* Combat exposure \* Sexual assault \* Physical assault \* Child abuse \* Natural disasters \* Accidents \* Medical procedures

#### **Treatment for PTSD**

There are a variety of treatments for PTSD, including:

\* Therapy \* Medication \* Support groups \* Self-help strategies

#### **Recovery from PTSD**

Recovery from PTSD is a process that takes time and effort. However, with the right help, you can recover and live a full and happy life.

If you think you may be experiencing PTSD, please reach out for help. There are many resources available to help you on your journey to recovery.



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