

Travelling abroad with a Brain Tumour

Our Twitter Q&A sessions are aimed at tackling the questions you may have around topics such as benefits, treatment, coping with side-effects and navigating the NHS. This discussion was hosted 3rd May 6-7pm in association with Free Spirit, a specialist medical travel insurance company.



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Our Q&A is ready! Tweet in your questions to our experts from [@FreeSpiritCover](#) now, using the [#BrainTumourQA](#).



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Q: Can I get cover for my friends medical condition even though I do not have one?
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Another top tip [@eve061975](#) is to ensure all travellers are on the same cover in case of cancellation due to your condition [#BrainTumourQA](#)



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Q: A friend offered to organise 2 week holiday in Mongolia. Am I crazy to consider, either from a clinical or insurance PoV? [#BrainTumourQA](#)




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A: No you're not [@ashleyheath01](#)! Suggest checking with your treating GP they are ok for you to go to O Mongolia [#BrainTumourQA](#)


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Q: When is the best time to get travel insurance for kids that can be very ill v quickly?
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A: They have to be fit to travel at time of taking insurance. If taken ill, they'll have cancellation cover
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Thank you for all your Q's that you have, and are, sending in! Keep the Q's coming for our experts
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Q: Do I have to declare anything about any previous surgery when claiming travel insurance?
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A: Yes it is essential to disclose anything in the last 5 years [#BrainTumourQA](#) [@FreeSpiritCover](#)



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Q: Will insurers insure me if my tumour hasn't got a name? [#BrainTumourQA](#)



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A: All brain tumours can be covered. We use the generic term brain tumour. It's more about the treatment [#BrainTumourQA](#) [@FreeSpiritCover](#)



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Q: Do you have to declare having a brain tumour if things have been stable for over 2 years? [#BrainTumourQA](#)



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A: Most insurers look at a 5 yr time span when providing cover [#BrainTumourQA](#) [@FreeSpiritCover](#)



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Q: If asked do I have any more planned treatment, what do I declare if I am unsure if my tumour will return? [#BrainTumourQA](#)



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A: At time of looking at insurance, answer the q based on your situation as u may still be able to get cover [#BrainTumourQA](#) [@FreeSpiritCover](#)



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@fayetopaz

[@BrainTumourOrg](#) [#braintumourQA](#), my son has NF2 & had a brain stem tumour removed Dec 15, can we get insurance to travel to Channel Islands?



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A: Should be OK [@fayetopaz](#). Insurers will want to know that your son's fit to travel; may need a GP letter [#BrainTumourQA](#) [@FreeSpiritCover](#)



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Q: Do I need insurance when I'm going to Europe if I have an EHIC card? [#BrainTumourQA](#)



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A: Yes you do. The EHIC card will cover medication if hospitalised but not repatriation

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Q: Do I need a letter from my consultant in order to claim insurance? [#BrainTumourQA](#)



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A: Yes insurance providers will ask for a GP letter confirming that you are fit to travel

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Q: Will my destination affect whether or not I can get cover? [#BrainTumourQA](#)



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A: Yes US & islands can be trickier. It's worth getting a few quotes if you're not too choosy on where to go [#BrainTumourQA](#) [@FreeSpiritCover](#)



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Q: Will the cost of travel insurance depend on the grade of tumour and treatment that I've had?

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A: Yes it will. Quotes are based on destination, age & medical condition so suggest u have all info to hand [#BrainTumourQA](#) [@FreeSpiritCover](#)



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It's worth leaving plenty of time to obtain your travel insurance in case a GP letter is required

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It's a good idea to have all medical info with you when get a quote to help answer all questions accurately [#BrainTumourQA](#) [@FreeSpiritCover](#)



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Insurers less likely to cover if test results aren't in - be sure to contact them as soon as these arrive [#BrainTumourQA](#) [@FreeSpiritCover](#)



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If u do not declare your condition, any claim resulting from it could be excluded -always get fully covered [#BrainTumourQA](#) [@FreeSpiritCover](#)



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