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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background research

National Cancer Institute defined cancer as a disease in which abnormal cells divide without control and are able to invade other tissues. Brain cancer can arise from original (primary) brain cells (glioma), the cells that are form other brain components and these cells may affects central nervous system. Malignant tumour is cancerous and if not treated early, may spread and affect other parts of the body, becoming invasive cancer (National Cancer Society Malaysia, 2011). Malignant tumours are referred as cancerous cell since the tumours are very aggressive and growing rapidly.

Increasing population and longer life spans contributes to rise of cancer. Cancer occurs more in females than males with a ratio of male to female 1:1.2 (National Cancer Society Malaysia, 2011). The percentage of brain cancer in Malay male is 4.4% and is the eighth most common cancer among them. Female are less risk to get brain cancer as the percentage of brain cancer is 3% but they are at very high risk to get breast cancer, 33.8%.