

## THE BRAIN

It's been a brutal year — war, inflation, pandemic, gaping political divide, climate change. Now this: 88,970 Americans are expected to be diagnosed with brain tumors in 2022.

Brain tumors are nothing new. Rumor is the first case was discovered back in 1873. What is new, however, is a \$12 million investment from Orlando magnate **Harris Rosen** that's bringing UF's doctors ever closer to taming a disorder that doesn't give a hoot if your name is Elizabeth Taylor, Johnnie Cochran, George Harrison or Beau Biden.

Or Adam Rosen.

Harris Rosen's contribution — seed funding for UF's \$100 million ReMission Alliance Against Brain Tumors project — honors his son, who died of brain cancer in 2018. The groundbreaking alliance is an international collaboration that unites top neuro-oncology physicians and scientists in research and clinical trials.

"The team at UF is already doing extraordinary work, and the alliance will enhance their progress and improve outcomes for patients well beyond Florida," Rosen said in 2019 when he made the gift. "A collaboration like this is difficult and lofty, but my family and I support this vision to rewrite the story of brain cancer."

The alliance is building on the work done at UF's Preston A. Wells Jr. Center for Brain Tumor Therapy — widely considered a leader in brain tumor treatment and research. With the alliance in place, the team there has undertaken new projects and clinical trials alongside partners at the world's best research institutes and hospitals.