

TGCT (PVNS/GCT-TS) discussion guide

For patient visits with medical oncologists

Medical oncologists are doctors with expertise to diagnose and treat tumors (abnormal growths in your body). Medical oncologists may provide options beyond surgery to treat tenosynovial* giant cell tumor, or TGCT.

* Pronounced TEN-oh-sin-OH-vee-ul.

This resource can be used to help guide conversation between you and your medical oncologist. Print it, take it with you to your next appointment, and use it to ask questions and take notes.

Information for your visit

Doctor name _____ Appointment date _____

What is your TGCT diagnosis?

Diffuse TGCT (also called pigmented villonodular synovitis,[†] or PVNS)

[†] Pronounced PIG-men-ted vill-oh-NAWJ-you-ler sy-no-VY-tiss.

Localized TGCT (also called giant cell tumor of the tendon sheath, or GCT-TS)

I have not been diagnosed.

What joint is affected (for example, hand, ankle, hip)?

How many previous surgeries for TGCT have you had? When were those surgeries?

Has your TGCT come back? Yes No

Questions to ask your doctor

Understanding TGCT and how it is treated

1. Have you previously treated patients who had TGCT? How many patients?

2. What options beyond surgery do I have for treating my TGCT?

3. How are these options different from surgery?

4. What are the risks and benefits of these options?

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5. What is your recommendation for treating my TGCT?

6. What other doctors or healthcare specialists will be involved in my care?

7. Will my treatment stop me from doing my everyday activities?

8. How long will I be on this treatment?

9. How likely is it that my TGCT will grow back after treatment?

10. What happens if my TGCT comes back?

Additional questions and notes

To maintain a detailed record of your treatment, use the resource “My TGCT treatment history,” available at [TGCTfacts.com](https://www.tgctfacts.com). If you are already using this resource, be sure to update it with information from today’s appointment.

To learn more about TGCT,
talk with your doctor and visit [TGCTfacts.com](https://www.tgctfacts.com).

