

TGCT Support is a program of



## **SUMMARY**

of a group of passionate individuals from the Tenosynovial Giant Cell Tumor (TGCT) community, previously known as pigmented villonodular synovitis (PVNS).







# **OUR MISSION**

The mission of TGCT
Support is to enhance
treatment options and
quality of life for TGCT
patients through patientpowered research,
education, empowerment,
and global advocacy efforts.



# Tenosynovial giant cell tumor (TGCT): A Patient-Led Success Story

### **REACH OF TGCT SUPPORT**

14%
Caregivers

86%
Patients

923

Patients have attended the TGCT Support Group

**TGCT Patients in the Mentorship Program** 

361

187

**TGCT Volunteers** 

**TGCT Patients Part of Fundraising Support** 

159

#### **Patients in 51 Countries**



Top 5 Countries:
1) USA, 2) United Kingdom,

3) Australia, 4) Canada, 5) Germany

## **UNMET NEEDS IN TGCT**

Rare diseases, including TGCT, are often misdiagnosed, misunderstood and are not widely supported by research funding.

Awareness is a key factor in resolving these issues.

## **Key Issues:**

- Most clinicians have limited familiarity
- Some clinicians may underestimate or overestimate the problematic nature of TGCT
- Often patients are not referred to specialty centers until postsurgical recurrence
- Lack of direct mechanisms to educate HCPs
- Most patients affected by TGCT are young, and the disease and its treatment may impact quality of life

Check out our CME on November 13, 2025 @ 6pm

### **TGCT CONFERENCES**

TGCT Support proudly hosts conferences that bring together patients, providers, and experts to foster awareness, education, and connection within the TGCT community. These gatherings create space for learning, empowerment, and belonging.

Here's what patients have shared about their experiences:

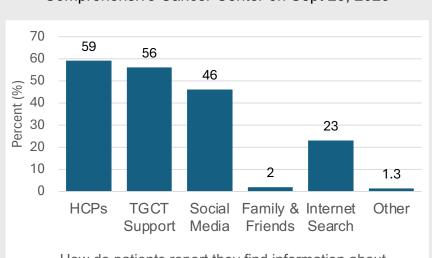
- "When I started my TGCT journey, I never imagined meeting others with my disease. Now, TGCT doesn't feel like a life sentence anymore."
- "I've lived with TGCT for a decade believing I was alone. My doctor said I'd never meet anyone else and now I've met a whole room full of people who understand."
- "Through TGCT Support, I was able to ask questions directly to experts I would have never met otherwise."



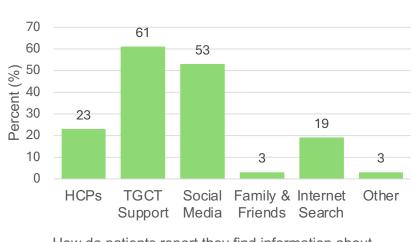
Figure 1. Most recent TGCT Day of Learning (TDOL) on July 27, 2024, in Colorado



Figure 2. Second TGCT Day of Learning (TDOL) conference at The James at Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center on Sept 23, 2023



How do patients report they find information about treatments?



How do patients report they find information about clinical trials?

**Figure 3.** Out of 990 surveyed TGCT patients from our patient registry, majority of patients got their information about treatments and clinical trials from TGCT Support.

#### **RESEARCH**

We maintain two registries: one for TGCT and another for giant cell tumor of the bone, designed to capture and analyze trends within each disease population

#### Two registries:

TGCT: +1574 respondents
GCT: +311 respondents



Check out our Abstracts #2159771 (oral presentation on Friday, Nov 14 at 2:30-3:30pm) and #2145039 (poster, November 12 at 5:00-6:00 pm)



IMPACT OF ADVERSE SOCIAL EXPOSOME ON THE TREATMENT OF TENOSYNOVIAL GIANT CELL TUMOR

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2025 ANNUAL MEETING
The Boca Raton Boca Raton, Florid



As we work together to raise awareness and improve education for both providers and patients, here is what patients want providers to truly hear:

- "This disease impacts every part of my life, not just physically, but mentally and emotionally too."
- "We need more informed providers so we can be actively part of our healthcare."
- "Listen deeply to patients, even when we don't have the words to describe our pain."

#### **CONTACT INFO**

We encourage you to get in touch!



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