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Desmoplastic Infantile Ganglioglioma - Childhood - Latest Research [1]

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ON THIS PAGE: You will read about the scientific research being done now to learn more about DIG and how to treat it. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

Doctors are working to learn more about DIG, ways to prevent it, how to best treat it, and how to provide the best care to children diagnosed with this disease. The following areas of research may include new options for patients through clinical trials. Always talk with your child?s doctor about the diagnostic and treatment options best for your child.

Because DIG is quite rare, DIG-specific clinical trials may be hard to find. However, patients and doctors are encouraged to review clinical trials focusing on childhood brain tumors, which sometimes include patients with different types of tumors.

New treatments and imaging tests. Researchers are looking at new medications, different treatment combinations, and improved imaging techniques to treat childhood brain tumors.

Supportive care. Clinical trials are underway to find better ways of reducing symptoms and side effects of current DIG treatments in order to improve patients? comfort and quality of life.

Looking for More about the Latest Research?

If you would like additional information about the latest areas of research regarding childhood cancer, explore these related items.

- To find clinical trials specific to your child?s diagnosis, talk with your child?s doctor or search online clinical trial databases now [3].
- Review research announced at recent scientific meetings [4] or in ASCO?s peer-reviewed journals [5].
- Visit ASCO?s *CancerProgress.Net [6]* website to learn more about the historical pace of research for childhood cancer. Please note this link takes you to a separate ASCO website.

The next section addresses how to cope with the symptoms of the disease or the side effects of its treatment. Use the menu on the side of your screen to select Coping with Side Effects, or you can select another section, to continue reading this guide.

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