Germ Cell Tumor - 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 this type of tumor 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 germ cell tumors, ways to prevent them, how to best treat them, and how to provide the best care to people 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.

Combination chemotherapy. Clinical trials are underway to investigate new combinations of chemotherapy to treat extracranial, extragonadal germ cell tumors.

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

Looking for More about Latest Research?

If you would like additional information about the latest areas of research regarding germ cell tumors, explore these related items that take you outside of this guide:

- To find clinical trials specific to your diagnosis, talk with your child?s doctor or search online clinical trial databases now [3].
- Visit ASCO?s *CancerProgress.Net* [4] 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.

Links:
[1] http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/germ-cell-tumor-childhood/latest-research
[2] http://www.cancer.net/about-us
[3] http://www.cancer.net/node/24878
[4] http://www.cancerprogress.net/timeline/major-milestones-against-cancer