



13th International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group
Annual Meeting
October 4 - 6, 2023
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, USA

ITMIG

Communication Committee

New York, 2023 Oct. 4
Małgorzata Szołkowska



Main activity in 2022-2023

- **Promotion of ITMIG activities among members and public:**
 - Coordination of events organized for **the Thymic Malignancy Awareness Month** (from 2022)
 - Promotion
 - Technical organisation
 - Cooperation with other societies



Thymic Malignancy Awareness Month, 2022

- Coordinating of ITMIG events for the Thymic Malignancy Awareness Month
- **Website of TMAM has been created**
(<https://itmig.org/tmam/>)
- **Webinars for physicians and for patients**
(<https://itmig.org/itmig-events/itmig-webinars/>)
- **Brochure for patients** (<https://itmig.org/for-patients/>)
- Social media messages
- „Meet the Professor” - special series in Mediastinum
(<https://med.amegroups.com/post/category/meet-the-professor>)

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Thymic Malignancy Awareness Month
MAY



Have you been diagnosed with a thymic tumor?
This information is for you!

Thymic Epithelial Tumors...
...are very rare malignant neoplasms originating from the thymus, a small organ in the upper part of the chest behind the sternum, normally responsible for appropriate function of the immune system.

There are three types of thymic epithelial tumors, and the terminology often gets confused between them:

Thymomas
Thymomas are typically slow growing tumors that more or less resemble a normal thymus. Despite their usual favorable outcome, thymomas are malignant tumors as they can metastasize and/or recur. People diagnosed with thymoma often have other diseases of the immune system, most commonly **MYASTHENIA GRAVIS**, a disease in which the muscles become weak.

Thymic Carcinomas
In thymic carcinomas, the cells no longer look like normal thymic cells. Thymic carcinomas grow more quickly than thymomas and often have spread to other parts of the body when the cancer is found.

Thymic Neuroendocrine Tumors
Thymic neuroendocrine tumors are even less common than thymomas and thymic carcinomas. These tumors are also .

How are they found?
Almost one-third of all thymic cancer patients have no noticeable symptoms when they are diagnosed. The thymic cancer is found by accident while doctors are looking for other things. Symptoms include:

- Pain in the chest
- Difficulty with breathing
- Long standing cough
- Weakness in the muscles

If you have any of these symptoms, your doctor may perform a chest CT (computed tomography) and/or MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scan. A radiologist will analyze the scans searching for the tumor and will assess if it invades any structures. You might also be given a PET (positron emission tomography) scan that may be able to detect metastases (secondary tumors) in other organs.



May
Thymic Malignancy Awareness Month

The Brochure is available in many languages!

Available in 11 languages!

Thymic Malignancy Awareness Month, 2023

Joint webinars (for physicians)

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The Society of Thoracic Radiology (STR) and the International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group (ITMIG) invite you to:


Joint STR/ITMIG Thymic Imaging Webinar

Organizer: Edith Marom (ITMIG), Cristina Fuss (STR)

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The International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group (ITMIG) and the American Radium Society (ARS) invite you to:

the Joint Webinar

Update on the Multidisciplinary Management of Thymic Carcinoma

Organizer: Steven Chun


ITMIG webinars
(for patients or patients and physicians)



In May, Thymic Malignancy Awareness Month, we invite you to a webinar:

Clinical Trials for Thymic Epithelial Tumors

Organizer: Chul Kim



The International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group invites you to the next edition of the webinar for thymic epithelial tumor patients entitled:

Questions I'd like to ask my doctor

Organizer: Małgorzata Szołkowska

ITMIG webinars in other
languages (for physicians)

Mayo
Mes de la
Concientización
del Cáncer
de Timo




establecido
por
ITMIG

ITMIG Webinar in Spanish!

Tumores Epiteliales de Timo

Organizer: Andrea Arrossi, Jose Carlos Benitez

Maj
Miesiąc
Świadomości
Nowotworów
Grasicy



ustanowiony
przez
ITMIG

ITMIG Webinar in Polish!

W maju z okazji **Miesiąca Świadomości Nowotworów Grasicy** zapraszamy na wielodyscyplinarne webinarium dla lekarzy organizowane przez the International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group (ITMIG) w języku polskim pt.:

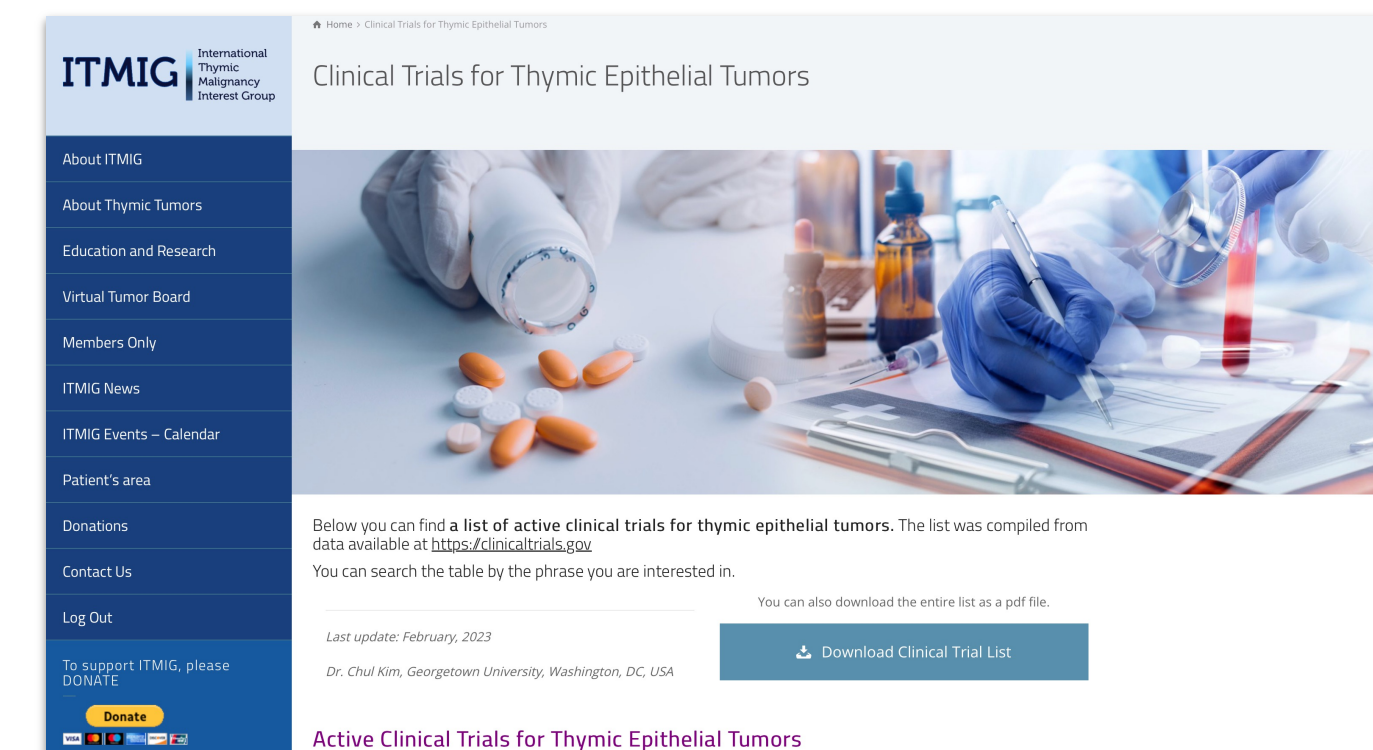
Grasiczaki i raki grasicy

Organizer: Magdalena Knetki-Wróblewska,
Małgorzata Szołkowska,



Main activity in 2022-2023, cont.

- **Promotion of ITMIG activities among members and public:**
 - Coordination of **ITMIG (2022) Annual Conference** (*promotion, technical support, Abstract Book*)
 - Maintenance and updates of an **ITMIG website**
 - Regular posts
 - Content for members and non-members
 - Content for physicians and patients
 - ***NEW: A tab for active Clinical Trials***
 - **Email** communication with members
 - Promotion of ITMIG events and news in **social media**
 - Elaboration of annual **Newsletter**





Main activity in 2022-2023, cont.

- **Promotion of ITMIG activities among members and public:**
 - Maintenance of a channel for **ITMIG videos** on:
 - [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) (ITMIG Non-profit organization) - public (*good visibility*), non-public (conferences)
 - 15 movies
 - 269 subscribers
 - **VuMedi** (vumedi.com)



Main activity in 2022-2023, cont.

- **Promotion of ITMIG activities among members and public:**
 - Assistance in organizing of ITMIG2023:
 - Conference website
 - Abstract Book (available on-line)

A banner image for the 13th International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group Annual Meeting. It features a night view of the New York City skyline with a large, glowing blue thymic silhouette in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

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YOU ARE WELCOME!