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Giant Cell Tumors of the Tendon Sheath

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There are several different types of tumors that can be found in the tendon and joint structures of the foot. The most common type is the ganglion. The second most common form of tumor in the tendon or joint structures is the giant cell tumor of the tendon sheath. There can be slight variations in histologic appearance, and, as a result, this giant tumor is referred to by many different names, such as xanthoma and pigmented villonodular synovitis. Giant cell tumors have been misdiagnosed clinically as lipomas, fibromas, or ganglion cysts, all of which look similar to but do not possess all the characteristics of the tumors in question.