

## Clinician Management Resource for Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC)

This overview of clinical management guidelines is based on this patient’s positive test result for a *TSC1* or *TSC2* gene mutation. Unless otherwise stated, medical management guidelines used here are limited to those published in the Updated International Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Diagnostic Criteria and Surveillance and Management Recommendations<sup>1</sup>. Please consult the referenced guideline for complete details and further information.

Clinical correlation with the patient’s past medical history, treatments, surgeries, and family history may lead to changes in clinical management decisions; therefore, other management recommendations may be considered. Genetic testing results and medical society guidelines help inform medical management decision but do not constitute formal recommendations. Discussions of medical management decisions and individualized treatment plans should be made in consultation between each patient and his or her healthcare provider and may change.

| SURVEILLANCE/SURGICAL CONSIDERATIONS <sup>*,1</sup>   | AGE TO START  | FREQUENCY  |
|---|---|--|
| <b>Brain</b>  |   |  |
| <u>Brain MRI</u> to assess for the presence of tubers, subependymal nodules, migration defects, and subependymal giant cell astrocytomas (SEGA).  | Following diagnosis   | Every 1-3 years in patients without SEGA under age 25, or more often and throughout adulthood for patients with SEGA**   |
| <u>Surgical resection</u> should be performed for acutely symptomatic SEGA. Cerebrospinal fluid diversion may also be necessary.  | Individualized  | N/A  |
| <u>Education</u> of parents to recognize infantile spasms and focal seizures, even if none have occurred at the time of first diagnosis.  | Following diagnosis   | Individualized   |
| <u>EEG in asymptomatic individuals</u> : Obtain while awake and asleep. If abnormal, especially if features of TSC-associated neuropsychiatric disorder are also present, follow-up with 8-12 hour video EEG to assess for seizure activity.  | Following diagnosis   | Every 6 weeks up to age 12 months, then every 3 months up to age 24 months   |
| <u>EEG in individuals with known or suspected seizure activity</u> : Obtain routine EEG. Prolonged video-EEG, 24 hour or longer, is appropriate when seizure occurrence is unclear or when unexplained sleep, behavioral changes, or other alteration in cognitive or neurological function is present. | Onset of symptoms   | Determined by clinical need  |
| <u>Epilepsy surgery</u> should be considered for TSC patients with refractory seizures and seizures, particularly after failing three medications.  | Individualized. Special consideration should be given to children at younger ages experiencing neurological regression. | N/A  |
| <b>TSC-associated neuropsychiatric disorder (TAND)</b>  |   |  |
| <u>Screening</u> for TAND using validated screening tools.  | Following diagnosis   | Annually, or more frequently depending on clinical needs   |
| <u>Comprehensive assessment</u> for all levels of potential TAND manifestations at key developmental time points.   | Following diagnosis   | Infancy (0-3 years)<br>Preschool (3-6 years)<br>Premiddle school (6-9 years)<br>Adolescence (12-16 years)<br>Early adult (18-25 years)<br>As needed thereafter |
| Refer to appropriate professionals for the management/intervention of relevant TAND manifestations.   | Onset of symptoms   | Individualized   |
| A sudden and unexpected change in behavior should prompt a physical evaluation to look at potential medical causes (e.g. SEGA, seizures, renal disease, medications).   | Individualized  | Individualized   |
| Provide parent/caregiver education and training about TAND to ensure families know what to look for in emerging TAND manifestations across the lifespan (e.g. autism spectrum disorder, language disorders, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, anxiety disorders).                               | Following diagnosis   | Individualized   |

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| <b>Kidney</b>  |  |  |
| <u>MRI of the abdomen</u> to assess for the presence of angiomyolipomas and renal cysts.   | Following diagnosis  | Every 1-3 years  |
| <u>Hypertension screening</u> by an accurate blood pressure measurement.   | Following diagnosis  | At least annually  |
| <u>Renal function evaluation</u> by determination of glomerular filtration rate and screening for proteinuria.   | Following diagnosis  | At least annually  |
| <b>Lung</b>  |  |  |
| Inquire about tobacco exposure, occupational exposures, connective tissue disease manifestations, signs of chyle leak, and pulmonary manifestations such as dyspnea, cough, and spontaneous pneumothorax in all adult patients with <i>TSC</i> . | Age 18 years   | At each clinic visit   |
| <u>Baseline chest CT</u> to assess for lymphangiomyomatosis (LAM).   | Age 18 years or older  | Every 5-7 years for all adult females with a negative screening chest CT who remain asymptomatic<br>Individualized for symptomatic males |
| <u>Follow-up chest CT</u> in patients with evidence of cystic lung disease consistent with LAM on screening.   | Individualized   | Individualized   |
| <u>Serial pulmonary function tests</u> (baseline and routine) in patients with evidence of cystic lung disease consistent with LAM on the screening chest CT.  | Following diagnosis  | At least annually; more frequently in patients who are progressing rapidly   |
| <u>Baseline 6-minute walk test</u> in patients with evidence of cystic lung disease consistent with LAM on the screening chest CT.   | Following diagnosis  | Individualized   |
| <u>Education</u> of patients and families about the signs and symptoms of pneumothorax.  | Individualized   | Individualized   |
| <b>Skin</b>  |  |  |
| <u>Dermatologic examination</u> and ongoing education on sun protection.   | Following diagnosis  | Annually in children, Individualized in adults   |
| <b>Teeth</b>   |  |  |
| <u>Dental examination</u> .  | At the time of the eruption of the first tooth or no later than age 12 months  | At least every 6 months  |
| <u>Panoramic radiograph</u> to evaluate dental development.  | Following diagnosis  | Individualized, or if asymmetry, asymptomatic swelling or delayed/abnormal tooth eruption occurs   |
| <b>Heart</b>   |  |  |
| <u>Fetal echocardiography</u> : consider to detect individuals with high risk of heart failure after delivery.   | Prenatally when rhabdomyomas are identified via prenatal ultrasound            | Individualized   |
| <u>Echocardiography</u>  | Pediatric patients following diagnosis, especially if younger than age 3 years | Every 1-3 years if asymptomatic, more frequently if symptomatic, throughout childhood.   |
| <u>Electrocardiography</u> to assess for underlying conduction defects.  | Following diagnosis  | Every 3-5 years if asymptomatic, more frequently if symptomatic  |
| <b>Eye</b>   |  |  |
| <u>Ophthalmologic evaluation</u> , including dilated fundoscopic evaluation, to assess for retinal astrocytic hamartomas, retinal achromic patches, and visual field deficits.   | Following diagnosis  | Annually   |

\* The table above provides a brief summary of the surveillance guidelines published in the Updated International Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Diagnostic Criteria and Surveillance and Management Recommendations<sup>1</sup>. Please review the publication for complete counseling, treatment, and follow-up recommendations.

\*\* Patients with large or growing SEGA, or with SEGA causing ventricular enlargement who are asymptomatic, should undergo MRI scans more frequently, and the patients and their families should be educated regarding the potential of new symptoms. Patients with asymptomatic SEGA in childhood should continue to be imaged periodically as adults to ensure there is no growth.

1. Northrup H, et al. "Updated international tuberous sclerosis complex diagnostic criteria and surveillance and management recommendations." *Pediatric Neurology* 123 (2021): 50-66.

# Understanding Your Positive *TSC1* Genetic Test Result

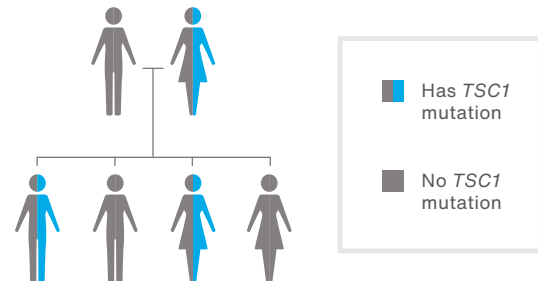
INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS WITH A PATHOGENIC MUTATION OR VARIANT, LIKELY PATHOGENIC

## 6 Things to Know

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| 1 | <i>TSC1</i> mutation                | Your testing shows that you have a pathogenic mutation or a variant that is likely pathogenic in the <i>TSC1</i> gene.   |
| 2 | Tuberous sclerosis complex          | People with <i>TSC1</i> mutations have tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC).   |
| 3 | Cancer and noncancerous tumor risks | You have an increased chance (2-5%) to develop kidney (renal) cancer, as well as non-cancerous tumors of the skin, brain, kidneys, heart, liver, and lungs.  |
| 4 | Other Medical Concerns              | <p>People may also have additional signs of TSC, which can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patches of lighter skin color, or patches of overly bumpy or smooth skin</li> <li>• Small bumps on the face (facial angiofibromas)</li> <li>• Learning problems or delays</li> <li>• An increased risk for seizures</li> </ul> <p>You should discuss the characteristics of TSC in more detail with your healthcare provider.</p> |
| 5 | What you can do                     | Risk management decisions are very personal. There are options to detect cancer early or lower the risk to develop cancer. It is important to discuss these options with your healthcare provider and decide on a plan that works for you.   |
| 6 | Family                              | Family members may also be at risk – they can be tested for the <i>TSC1</i> mutation that was found in you. It is recommended that you share this information with your family members so they can learn more and discuss with their healthcare providers.   |

## *TSC1* Mutations in the Family

There is a 50/50 random chance to pass on a *TSC1* mutation to each of your children. The image to the right shows that everyone can carry and pass on these mutations, regardless of their sex at birth.



### RESOURCES

- Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance [tscalliance.org](http://tscalliance.org)
- National Society of Genetic Counselors [nsgc.org](http://nsgc.org)
- Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors [cagc-accg.ca](http://cagc-accg.ca)

Please discuss this information with your healthcare provider. The cancer genetics field is continuously evolving, so updates related to your *TSC1* result, medical recommendations, and/or potential treatments may be available over time. This information is not meant to replace a discussion with a healthcare provider, and should not be considered or interpreted as medical advice.