

BACKGROUND

- ▶ An uncommon cancer that develops under the skin
- ▶ Its cause is unknown but is likely to be triggered by inflammation
- ▶ The lump grows rapidly into surrounding muscle

CLINICAL SIGNS

- ▶ A lump on a previous injection site that grows quickly
- ▶ Clinical signs may vary depending on location: some may cause pain or limping, others can be painless and do not initially bother the cat

DIAGNOSIS

- ▶ A biopsy of the lump will be examined under a microscope
- ▶ A CT scan may be necessary to check the extent of the tumor under the skin, especially before surgery



THERAPY

- ▶ Surgery alone - but because the lump invades surrounding muscle, a large incision is required
- ▶ Surgery combined with radiotherapy may be required for large lumps
- ▶ Chemotherapy may also help but works best when combined with surgery

PROGNOSIS

A full recovery is more likely if the tumor is caught early and completely removed with surgery

