

Do you know the 3-2-1 Rule for vaccine site reactions?

How do you manage vaccine site reactions? The 3-2-1 rule from the AVMA Vaccine-Associated Feline Sarcoma Task Force Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of suspected sarcomas recommends the lesions be biopsied if they:

- Persist more than 3 months post-injection
- Are larger than 2 cm in diameter
- Continue to increase in size 1 month post-injection

In cats, soft tissue sarcoma can develop as short as 3-months and as long as 3-years or longer following vaccination.

Soft tissue sarcomas often have a pseudocapsule and give a false sense of security that they can be shelled out like a lipoma. This is a lie! Never “shell out” a soft tissue sarcoma. This is the most common cause for recurrence/treatment failure.

For more information go to:

<https://www.avma.org/About/AlliedOrganizations/Pages/tfguidelines99.aspx>

