

#	post	Does the post contain a personal experience? (y/n)
1	May your surgery go really well, and your recovery even better -NAME-!!!	
2	I was only on Gleevec for 1 year so I guess about 3 years later.	
3	I'm not sure what you mean by severe but while taking gleevec I was prone to eye bleeds, more than just blood shot but bright red . It was only in my left eye and at the same time I was being seen by the eye hospital about something else . They new about my medication and gave my eyes a good examination but could find no reason for the bleeding and I had no cause to worry . It has stopped since I stopped taking gleevec . I'm not saying this is the same in your case so get it checked out just in case.	
4	Absolutely brilliant news - Enjoy the journey now!	
5	I live in roswell ga 10 Minutes away....i have local oncologists but i take direction from Dr -NAME- in miami . Feel free to PM me	
6	Most important: Consult an oncologist who is knowledgeable and experienced with GIST, specifically . Ask lots of questions, and keep asking until you get the answers you understand.	
7	yes, bad chills at the beginning of my treatment that I end up at emergency, this happened about three times . After two years taken Gleevec still very cold, but not too bad.	
8	Someone asked me yesterday how cancer has changed my life . You said it much better than I did! Thanks.	
9	:)	
10	Those cysts are quite common in just about everyone . However us GIST warriors it makes us worry . Always good to check and ask for an opinion.	
11	The water retention is a pain in the ass . Can you do sports? It's what helps me most.	
12	Votrient is another cancer drug that has been used off label for GIST with mixed results . I was on Stivarga also, it made my BP skyrocket . Fornunately, my primary care physican is a good friend and has taken over the managing of BP meds for me . It is great to have a doctor who gives you their personal cell phone number and will take your call or text even on the weekend! I am blessed.	
13	I hope you feel better soon ...	
14	great news	
15	The pharmaceutical companies have assistance programs . Inquire to see if you qualify.	
16	Hi this is -NAME-, doing much better each day . Still in alot pain but every thing is going smooth . Cant believe i did it . Thats for all the prayers	
17	Good luck & many prayers for you	
18	Hello -NAME- and no ma'am not at all!!! I have been very very blessed!	
19	Yeah nothing beats that feeling of just awfulness . It's the combination of all side effects I also don't sleep much . There's that and the fact I'm on pain killers a lot . I'm glad I posted on here as not many ppl in Australia have gist well not that I've met and no one really understands what I'm going through.	

20	Sending you healing thoughts and prayers that you start to feel better soon . Sorry to hear it's been a rough recovery ...	
21	Always nice to hear.	
22	A few folks were talking about insomnia and ways to help sleep better . Check this article out :	
23	Thank you all for your input! I don't feel so alone :) I will sure try her book! Wish you all the best! Thanks again!	
24	Thanks, my main concern was going to a third world country, and risk of infection etc...Think I best be asking the doctors..	
25	That would be lovely ..good luck x	
26	Wasn't in great shape before surgery--and then eased very slowly into a very active lifestyle (e.g., did my first half marathon 18 mos after surgery). Do the drugs make it more difficult? Absolutely . But don't let the side effects stop you from taking one more step each day....	
27	Thank you -NAME-.	
28	I hope it's like that for me!!	
29	Thank you so much for your support! My mother was diagnosed back in March, and we want to support her and help her through out this process . So I am so thankful for being here for us! God bless you all	
30	Wonderful news!	
31	Being on gleevec left me in a cloud also and I have been off it for almost 2 years...I'm still in a cloud!	
32	my copay was \$1600 a month for a year!!! its unbelievable!!!!!!: (
33	I am so sorry for you both . Thoughts and prayers go out to you!!!	
34	It is wonderful . I travel 8 hours just to go there . Let me know if you have any questions anytime . I have been on Gleevec 400 mg, then Sutent and back on Gleevec but at 800 mg.	
35	THANKS for sharing this, Mar!!! Our heart and prays with you!!!	
36	My Husband has Gist, but we travel to Oregon...Dr -NAME-, he's the best ...!	
37	All I can say is make really good lists . I couldn't remember ANYTHING to the point of tears sometimes . I've been much better off of Gleevec but still not 100% after 1 year without it.	
38	Love the way you put that into words!	
39	There is a loophole . The generic is really only approved for CML patients right now . If your doctor looks it up, he can probably TELL them``no substitutions, not approved for GIST"and possibly the pharmacist could look it up as well . In a year though, I think just about everyone will be on a generic, and there is, so far, no reason to think it won't work fine . However, if you are concerned, there is your loophole.	
40	Wow -NAME-! I can't wait until we get to the surgery point! We had our second oncology visit Friday and the doctor thinks his are already shrinking due to his increase of appetite and normal blood work.	
41	Hahaha I never watched it, but I might give it a try now!	