

Pannus

Abnormal layer of fibrovascular tissue or granulation tissue. Common sites for pannus formation include over the cornea, over a joint surface (as seen in rheumatoid arthritis), or on a prosthetic heart valve. Pannus may grow in a tumor-like fashion, as in joints where it may erode articular cartilage and bone.

The term pannus is often used incorrectly to refer to a panniculus (a hanging flap of tissue).

Example atlantoaxial rheumatoid pannus

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