Tophi - Pathognomonic of Gout

- Urate crystals
- Foreign body giant cells
- Marked inflammation (macrophages, lymphocytes)
- Sites (electrocanon bursa, ear lobe, periarticular, tendons, ligaments, kidney, nasal cartilage)
CLINICAL COURSE

1. ASYMPTOMATIC HYPERRICEMIA
2. ACUTE GOUTY ARTHRITIS
3. INTERCRITICAL GOUT
4. CHRONIC TOPHACEOUS GOUT
GOUT MATERIALLY DOES NOT SHORTEN THE LIFE SPAN BUT IT MAY IMPAIR THE QUALITY OF LIFE.