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Pathology



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Joint tumors and tumor like conditions

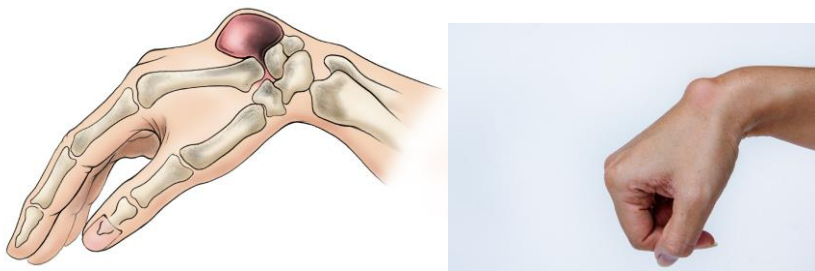
Not common as bone and soft tissue tumors (rare)

Most common benign (non-neoplastic) Joint tumors :-

- 1- Ganglion cyst
- 2- Tenosynovial giant cell tumor

Ganglion cyst: common condition, a cystic bulge which occurs around the joint and mainly in the dorsum of the wrist. Mostly asymptomatic, but sometimes it gets bigger causing pressure on a nerve which is painful.

It is **not a true cyst** because it does not have a lining, it is a bulge with many theories about its pathogenesis.



Two of these theories are :

- a. Degeneration of joint space leading to pseudocyst formation. (fluid containing bulge)
- b. Herniation of synovial membranes.

Ganglion cyst is probably not a true tumor, it is either herniation or degenerative type of cyst.

Treatment: aspiration of tissue (surgical removal). Under the microscope it is a dense fibrovascular connective tissue with myxoid degeneration

Note: The word ganglion is a misnomer, there is no actual ganglion .

True synovial cyst can occur and is called baker cyst. **Baker cyst** usually occurs around the knee joint, it presents with large swelling in the posterior aspect of the knee joint (in the popliteal fossa). It is usually a **big cyst filled with fluid or a herniation process**. Sometimes it causes severe pain, it might also cause pressure on venous structures of the lower limb leading to deep vein thrombosis. For these reasons, baker cyst must be treated.



2- **Tenosynovial giant cell tumor**: so called to differentiate it from giant cell tumor of bone. It is a **benign neoplasm of synovium** (benign synovial tumor) characterized by a specific translocation T(1;2)(p13q;37) which affects type IV collagen α -3 (signature marker of the genetic abnormality in this tumor).

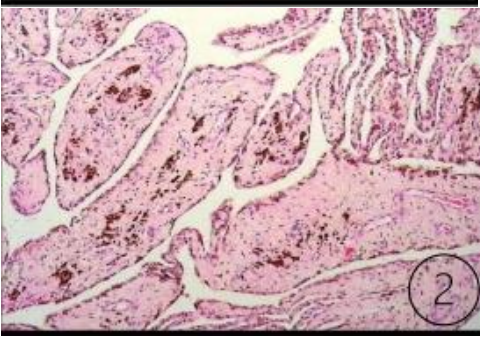
-Has two types:

a. **Diffuse**: more dangerous. called **pigmented** (because there are bleeding and blood absorbed by macrophages and iron in RBC converts to hemosiderin) **villonodular synovitis (PVNS)** because under the microscope brown pigment is seen which is an evidence of previous bleeding.

Usually affects **large joints** and most commonly the **knee but can affect any joint**.



Picture 1 is an arthroscopic picture of PVNS. PVNS are finger-like projections into the joint (proliferation of the synovium with hemosiderin macrophages and few giant cells in the stroma).



the patient comes with chronic pain in the the knee joint, these brown pigments (seen in picture 2) are hemosiderin macrophages.

b- **Localized giant cell tumor of tendon sheath (localized small hands tendons)**: commonly occurs in the distal aspect of joints of the hand. Sometimes causes pain due to pressure on a nerve. Only treated when symptomatic.

Soft tissue tumors

carcinoma usually
metastasize via lymph nodes
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*Benign is much more common than malignant.

*Incidence is 1% with 2% cancer death. (2% cancer mortality rate).

*Sarcomas, which are malignant tumors of soft tissue:

➤ are usually aggressive and **metastasize** via the hematogenous (blood vessels) pathway **into the lungs**. The lung is the most common site of metastasis of sarcomas. Therefore, when a patient is diagnosed with a sarcoma a CT scan must be done to check if the lungs are involved at the time of the diagnosis

➤ **The most common site** for sarcomas is in the **extremities** (upper, thigh) especially the thigh. **when u have an old patient with large mass in the upper thigh ,this high grade sarcoma until proven otherwise.**

➤ Sarcomas are usually sporadic but very **few can arise from genetic mutations** such as tumor suppressor gene mutations. Patients with neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1) are at higher risk of neurofibrosarcomas. Patients with Gardner syndrome, Li-Fraumeni syndrome, Osler-Webber-Rendu Syndrome are at higher risk of soft tissue tumors, especially sarcomas.

➤ Few of these sarcomas can occur after exposure to radiation, burns, and toxins. Radiation is becoming a more frequent cause because many patients are receiving radiation for cancer treatment.

* Soft tissue tumors in general have no precursor or preneoplastic lesions, unlike dysplasia of the cervix, skin, or colon. Theory is that they arise from pluripotent mesenchymal stem cell which acquires somatic mutation producing these tumors.

* 15–20% of these tumors (especially sarcomas) have a simple karyotype or a single signature mutation. Examples are Ewing and synovial sarcoma. Scientists use these mutations as target therapy and for prognosis.

* 80–85% of sarcomas in general or aggressive malignant soft tissue tumors have a complex karyotype, which means there is genomic instability and a lot of mutations. Investigating these tumors for genetic abnormality is not useful because there will be multiple and many of these mutations specifically in leiomyosarcoma (LMS) and pleomorphic sarcoma.

* There is a wide range of these tumors from benign to highly malignant

Lipoma, which is benign soft tissue once removed the patient is secured.
pleomorphic sarcoma, which is very aggressive, metastasizes early into the lung and have a bad prognosis. 👤♀👤♀

Diagnosis: grading and staging are important.



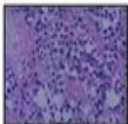
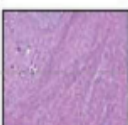
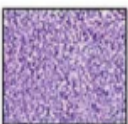
➤ **Grade:** how much the tumor looks like the primary cell of origin. Divided to:

- ❖ well-differentiated: low grade, good prognosis.
- ❖ moderately differentiated.
- ❖ poorly differentiated: high grade, bad prognosis.

➤ **Stage:** The extent to which a cancer has developed by growing and spreading.

stages 1, 2, 3, 4. ((**pleomorphic sarcoma with multiple lung metastasis is an example of stage 4**))) .

If the tumor is low grade and localized surgical excision would probably be curative.

	DIFFERENTIATION	Subtypes	Chromosomal traslocations	Fusion trascripts
	ADIPOCYTIC TUMORS	Lipoblastoma: Myxoid liposarcoma	t(7;8)(q31;q13); t(8;8)(q24;q13) t(12;16)(q13;p11); t(12;22)(q13;q12)	PLAG1-COL1A2; PLAG1-HAS2 CHOP-TLS; CHOP-EWS
	FIBROBLASTIC/ MYOFIBROBL. TUMORS	Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor Infantile fibrosarcoma Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans/ Giant cell fibroblastoma	t(1;2)(q25;p23); t(2;19)(p23;q13); t(2;17)(p23;q23) t(12;15)(p13;q25) t(17;22)(q22;q13)	TPM3-ALK; ALK-TPM4; ALK-CLTC ETV6-NTRK3 COL1A1-PDGFB
	SKELETAL MUSCLE TUMORS	Alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma	t(2;13)(q35;q14); t(1;13)(p36;q14)	PAX3-FKHR; PAX7-FKHR
	TUMORS OF UNCERTAIN DIFFERENTIATION	Angiomatoid fibrous histiocyoma benign Synovial sarcoma malignant Alveolar soft part sarcoma Clear cell sarcoma Extraskeletal myxoid chrondrosarcoma Desmoplastic small round cell tumor	t(12;22)(q13;q12); t(12;16)(q13;p11) t(X;18)(p11.2;q11.2) imp t(X;17)(p11;q25) t(12;22)(q13;q12) t(9;22)(q22;q12); t(9;15)(q22;q21) t(11;22)(p13;q12)	SYT-SSX1/2/4 TFE3/ASPL EWS-ATF1 EWS-TEC; CHN-TFC12 EWS-WT1
	EWING SARCOMA		t(11;22)(q24;q12); t(21;22)(q22;q12); t(17;22)(q12;q12); t(7;22)(p22;q12); imp	FLI1-EWS; ERG-EWS E1AF-EWS; ETV1-EWS

Notes regarding the previous table:

1. This table gives an idea about common soft tissue tumors.
2. Only the yellow boxes are mentioned by the doctor.
3. Adipocytic tumors arise from adipose tissue. Chromosomal translocations are sometimes used to confirm the diagnosis especially in well differentiated lipomatous tumor.
4. Chromosomal translocations of **Ewing sarcoma** and **synovial sarcoma** must be memorized.

5. Any cell in the soft tissue can give rise to benign and malignant tumors.

6. Extra video recommended by the doctor:

<https://youtu.be/qpkPKk3HxUQ>

Adipose tissue tumors

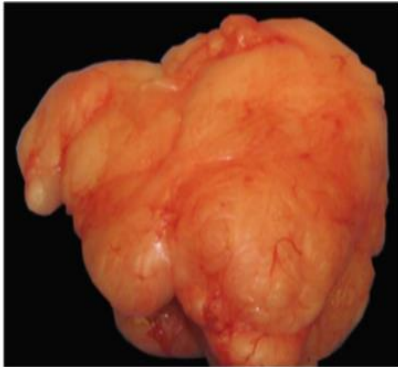
	Lipoma benign	Liposarcoma malignant
prevalence	MOST COMMON SOFT TISSUE TUMOR. Much more common than liposarcoma.	MOST COMMON SARCOMAS IN ADULTS above the age of 50.
pathogenicity	A clone that forms a benign tumor	A clone that forms a malignant tumor
site	The most common location is subcutaneous tissue. (subcutis)	The most common location is the Extremities and retroperitoneum
size	Smaller	larger
Gross appearance *****	-Well-encapsulated and well circumscribed. -Soft shiny yellow appearance	
Histological appearance *****	Mature fat cells (adipocytes)	Three types: 1. Well-differentiated, also called atypical lipomatous tumor. Difficult to diagnose because it looks like lipoma under the microscope. better prognosis 2. Myxoid: classic, easy to diagnose under the light microscope. also, good prognosis. t(12,16) 3. Pleomorphic: the most aggressive type, easy to diagnose under light microscope, ugly looking. Bad prognosis
treatment	Excision if they are big, start causing pressure, and their cosmetic appearance is not very good	

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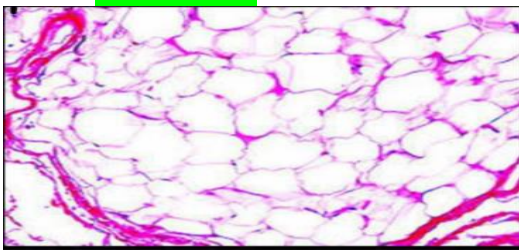


when it is removed



no hemorrhage
no necrosis

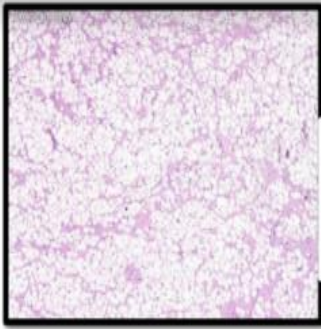
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with a shiny yellow color 🌟🌟

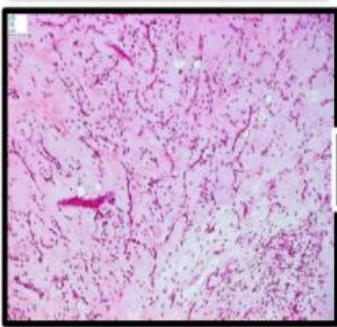
How to differentiate between a low grade liposarcoma (well-differentiated) and benign lipoma (both are histologically similar)?

If the tumor is in the Extremities or retroperitoneum and is more than 10–15 cm in size further analysis to MDM2 gene mutations in chromosome number 12 is needed to confirm the diagnosis by immunohistochemistry (which is not that good) or FISH analysis (which is more sensitive and specific). IF IT TESTS POSITIVE for the **MDM2 gene** translocation Liposarcoma.



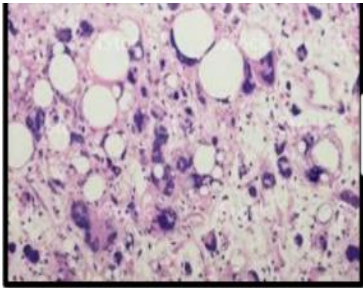
**Well-
differentiated**

the diagnoses by
MDM2 gene FISH
analysis



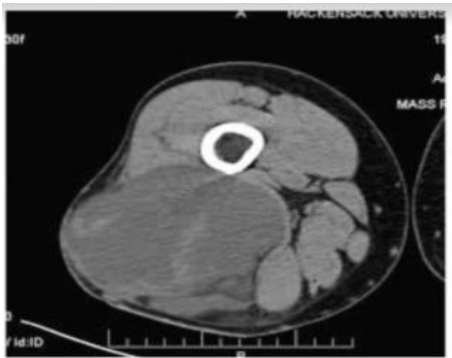
Myxoid

Malignant appearing
adipocytes



Pleomorphic
High grade
aggressive

Very anaplastic and
abnormal mitosis



big tumor in
the thigh



Behind the thigh
or the knee joint

Fibrous tumors

Fibromas(Benign) and Fibrosarcoma (Malignant)

- Fibromatoses:
 - Superficial
 - Deep (Desmoid tumor)

Nodular fasciitis: clonal benign neoplasm /not metastasize

Was thought to be a reactive process. However, recent studies confirm that this process is actually clonal, t(17;22) producing MYH9–USP6 fusion gene.

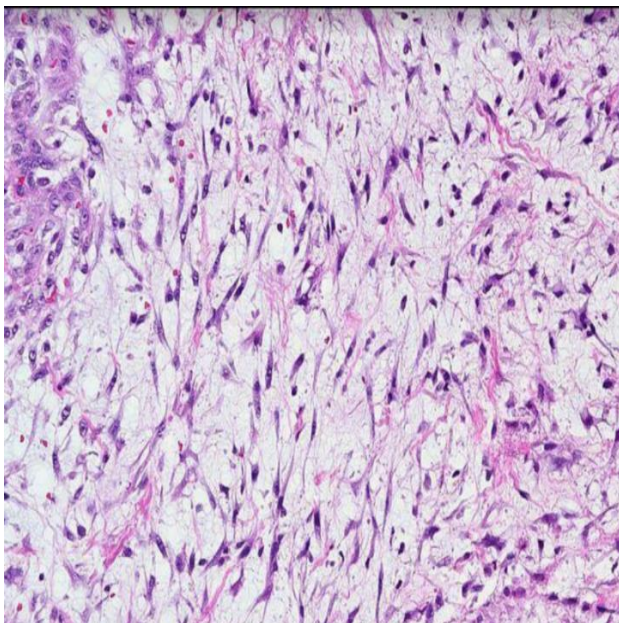
People who found the translocation believe that nodular fasciitis is a tumor and not an inflammatory proliferative reaction. •

The classic clinical scenario for nodular fasciitis is previous **history trauma**, and **recent rapid increase in the size** of the tissue mass at the site of tumor. (Can occur anywhere) •

Nodular fasciitis **maybe self-limiting**, and this is the excuse of the people who believe that nodular fasciitis is not a true tumor even though it has a clonal signature change.

The most important thing about nodular fasciitis **is not to Mistakenly diagnose it as malignant** because this exposes the patient to unnecessary harmful treatment.

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There is a classic appearance of nodular fasciitis under the microscope called culture-like histology. It has spindle cells which are bland and sometimes have frequent mitosis. Inflammatory cells such as plasma cells, neutrophils, and lymphocytes are sometimes seen as well.

Joint tumors & Soft Tissue Tumors (quizlet)

1) _____ tenosynovial giant cell tumors mimic monoarticular arthritis and affect the _____ mainly (Diffuse, knee)
True or false?

TRUE 😺

2) _____ tenosynovial giant cell tumors present as a slow growing tumor mainly affecting the **wrist** and **finger** tendon sheaths (Localized)
True or false?

TRUE 😺

3) **Fat** soft tissue tumors

Benign - liposarcoma

Malignant – lipoma

True or false?

FALSE 😺

4) What are the fibrous tissue issues?

a) Nodular fasciitis, fibromatosis, fibrosarcoma

b) Ganglion (synovial cyst)

Giant cell tumor of Tendon sheath /Tenosynovial Giant Cell tumor

c) Synovial sarcoma

d) **mostly unknown** radiation, chemical burn, thermal burn, trauma, virus assn, genetics, many syndromes, many translocations

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5) _____ is a self limiting fibroblastic proliferation that occurs on the forearm, chest, or back

a) Fibrohistiocytic

b) Myositis ossificans

c) Nodular fasciitis

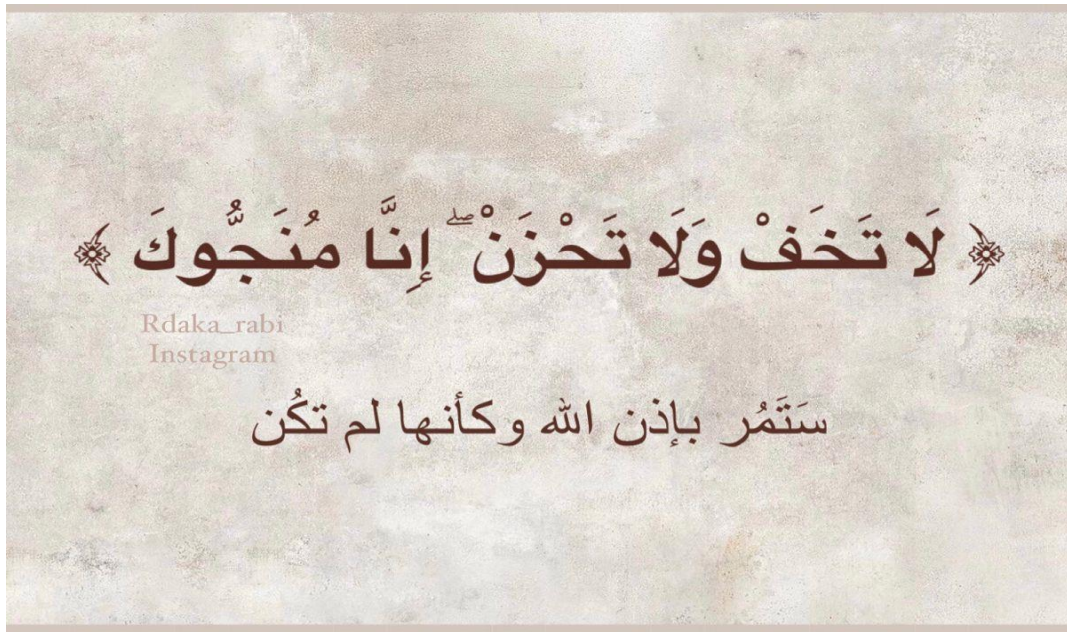
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6) Ganglions are normally symptomatic or asymptomatic?

asymptomatic 🐱

7) Nodular fasciitis grows _____ and is (not painful or painful)?

rapidly, painful 🐱



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Good luck ❤️🌟