

# Upper Limb Tumours


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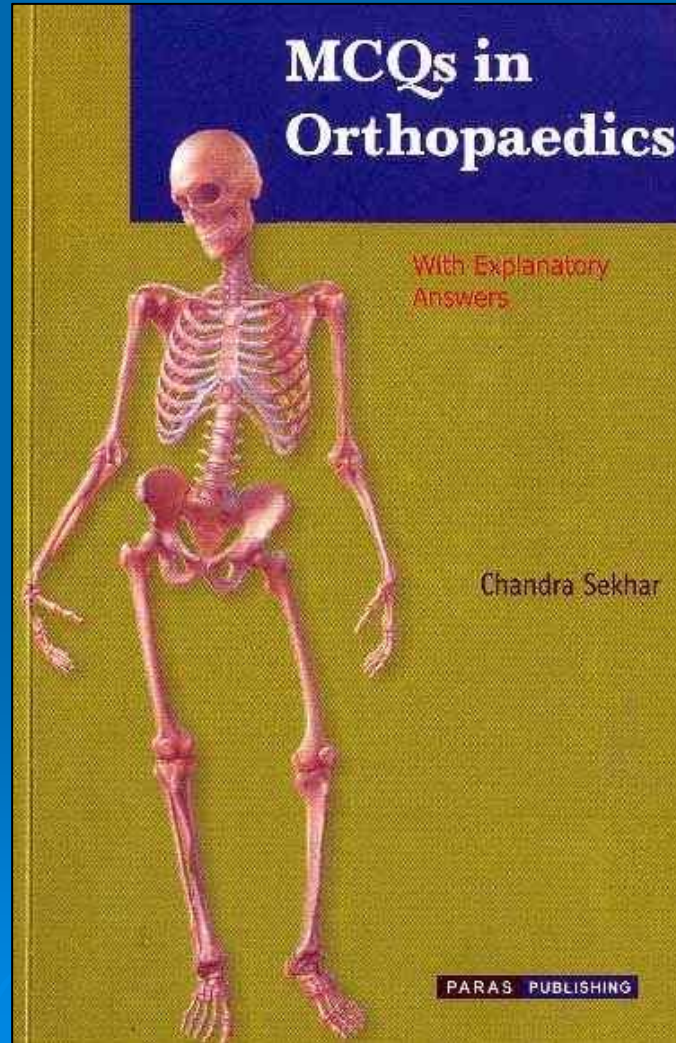
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# MCQs



➤ 1: The most common primary tumour that occurs in the bones of the hand is which of the following?

- A. Intraosseous ganglion
- B. Giant cell tumour
- C. Chondrosarcoma
- D. Enchondroma
- E. Epithelioid sarcoma

- 2: Which is the most common primary tumour that results in metastatic lesions in the hand?
- A. Lung
  - B. Breast
  - C. Prostate
  - D. Multiple myeloma
  - E. Thyroid

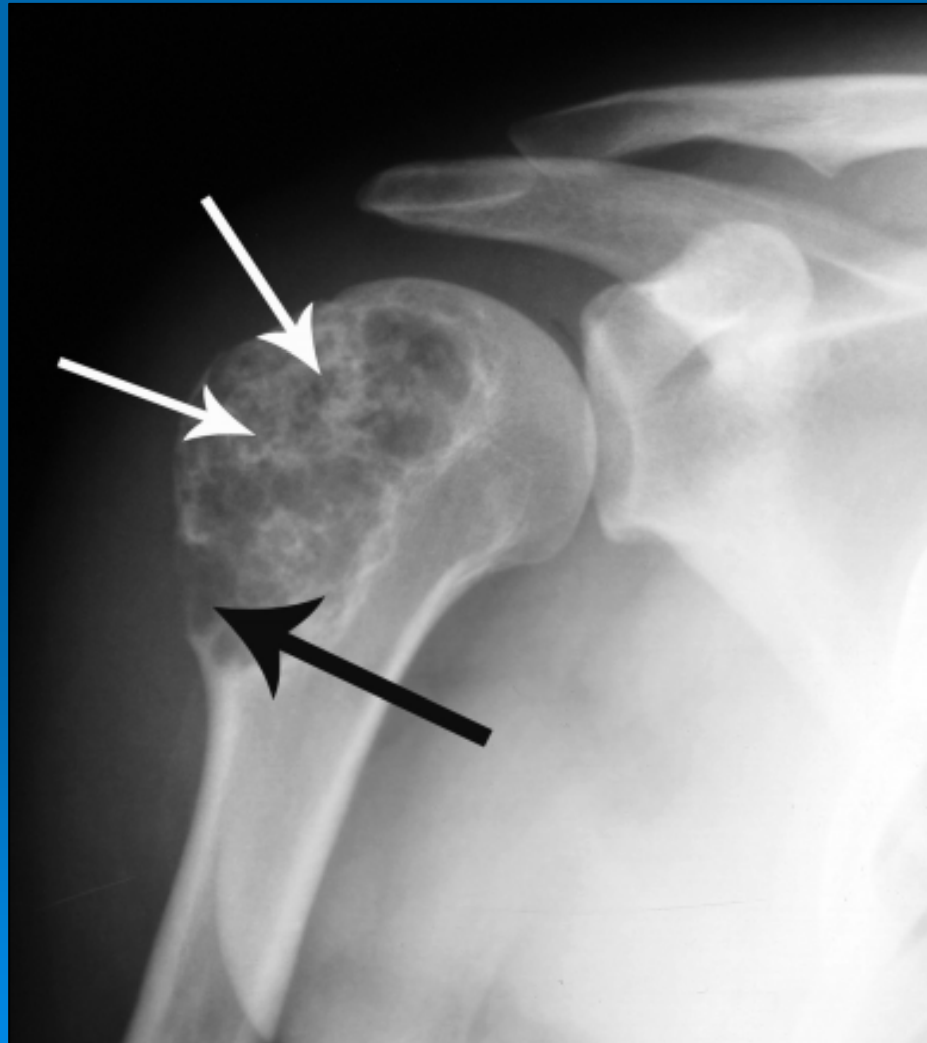
- 3: What is the most common malignant tumour of the hand?
- A. Epithelioid sarcoma
  - B. Chondrosarcoma
  - C. Osteosarcoma
  - D. Basal cell carcinoma
  - E. Squamous cell carcinoma

- 4: What is the most common soft tissue sarcoma of the hand?
- A. Alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma
  - B. Synovial sarcoma
  - C. Epithelioid sarcoma
  - D. Malignant fibrous histiocytoma
  - E. Soft tissue osteosarcoma

➤ 5: Which flaps are most useful for reconstruction of full-thickness shoulder defects following tumour resection from the shoulder area?

- A. Latissimus dorsi and pectoralis major
- B. Trapezius and pectoralis major
- C. Latissimus dorsi and pectoralis minor
- D. Trapezius and latissimus dorsi
- E. Free gracilis

- 6: What type of matrix is being formed by this tumour?
- 7: What is the term for this radiological appearance?



➤ 8: An 8-year old boy presents with a high grade osteosarcoma of the humerus. There is a large extraosseous soft tissue mass associated with the tumour. According to the Enneking system, how should this tumour be classified?

- A. IA
- B. IB
- C. IIA
- D. IIB
- E. III

➤ 9: Which chromosomal translocation would you expect to see in the previous case of Ewings sarcoma?

- A. 9:18
- B. 11:22
- C. 1:20
- D. 3:9
- E. 21:23

➤ 10: A 59-year old woman with metastatic breast carcinoma presents with acute, symptomatic hypercalcaemia. Which of the following is not a potential symptom or sign of hypercalcaemia?

- A. Coma
- B. Chvostek sign
- C. Shortened QT interval
- D. Hyporeflexia
- E. Polydipsia

- 11: The radiographic appearances listed below are all consistent with a diagnosis of giant cell tumour except?
- A. It has an eccentric location
  - B. It has a permeative border
  - C. It abuts the subchondral bone of the articular surface
  - D. It has a bone forming matrix
  - E. It occurs in the epiphyseal region

- 12: When performing an incisional biopsy of a suspected malignant musculoskeletal neoplasm of the proximal humerus, the surgeon should adhere to all of the following except?
- A. Biopsy should be performed through muscle rather than through intermuscular planes
  - B. Neurovascular bundles should not be exposed during the procedure
  - C. The incision should be transverse
  - D. The biopsy should be performed at the institution where the definitive operation will be performed rather than at the referring centre
  - E. The approach should not violate a compartment that is not already occupied by the lesion

- 13: What radiological appearance is demonstrated below?



# Tumour Basics

## Definition:

- Mass of tissue formed as a result of abnormal excessive and inappropriate proliferation of cells, growth of which occurs indefinitely regardless of the mechanisms that control normal cellular proliferation

# Tumour Basics

## History/Examination

- Pain
  - Persistent, night, analgesia
- Swelling/mass
- Rate of progression
- Age
  - Young – Benign Vs Ewings / osteosarcoma
  - 40-60 – Chondrosarcoma / haemopoietic tumours
  - 70s – Metastasis / osteosarcoma / myeloma / lymphoma
- Neurologic symptoms
- Previous malignancy / radiotherapy / +ve FH

# Tumour Basics

Imaging: Image whole bone affected

- What is the effect of the lesion on the bone?
  - Matrix formation
  - Zone of transition / margin
    - **Slow growing** – narrow / sclerotic
    - **Rapid growing** – permeative / ill defined
- What is the effect of the bone on the lesion?
  - **Bones response** – Sclerosis / Codmans triangle / sunray spiculation
- Is the lesion solitary or multiple?
- Where in the bone is the lesion

# Tumour Basics



Codman triangle

Codman's Triangle



Sunray Spiculation

# Tumour Basics

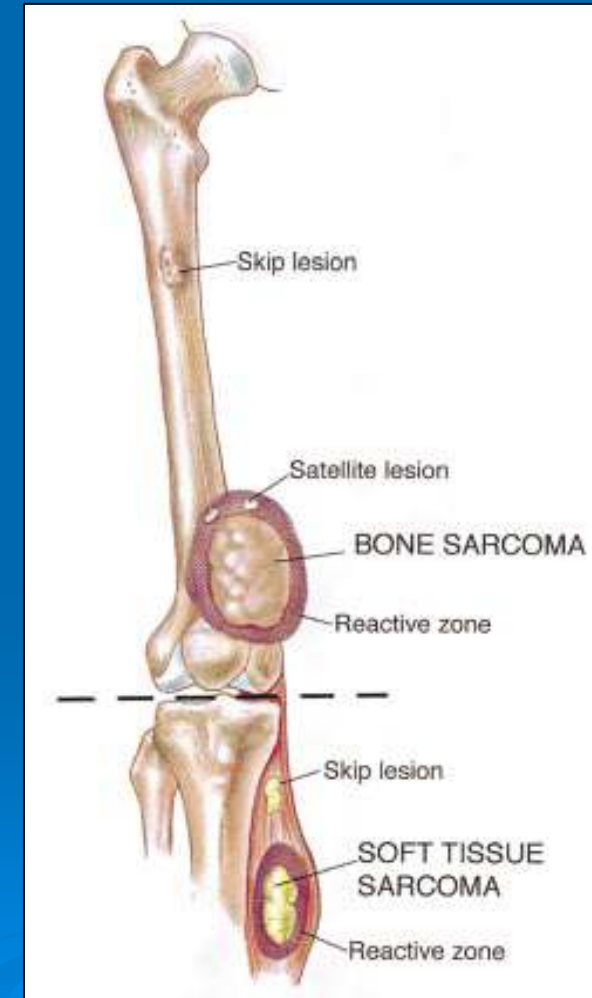
Imaging: Other studies

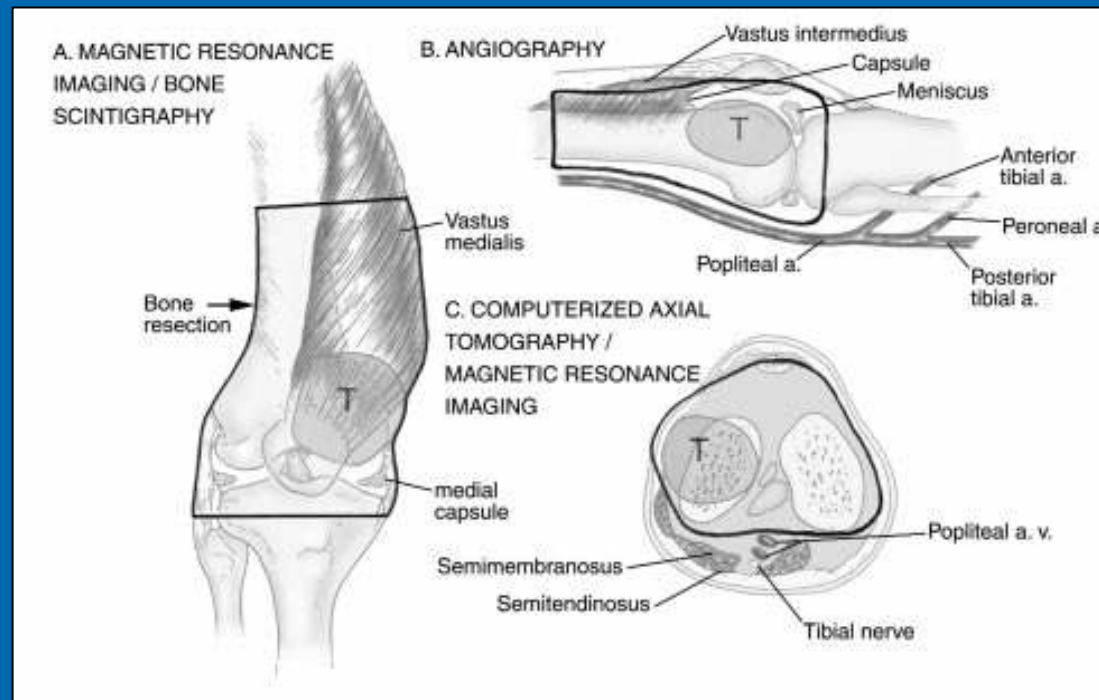
Characterising and Staging tumour

- CXR
- USS
- Bone Scan
- CT/MRI
- Others eg PET Scan

Bloods

- $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , ALP
- PSA, Electrophoresis, Urine Bence-Jones





## Relationship of the various imaging modalities to the different components of a bone sarcoma

**Plain radiographs:** Assess bony involvement and cortical breakdown.

**CT:** Determines the exact extent of bone destruction, role in staging

**MRI:** Determines the medullary & extraosseous components of the tumour

**Bone scan:** Evaluates cortical and intraosseous extents of the tumor, presence of metastatic bone disease

**Angiography:** Relation of the tumour to the major blood vessels

# Tumour Basics



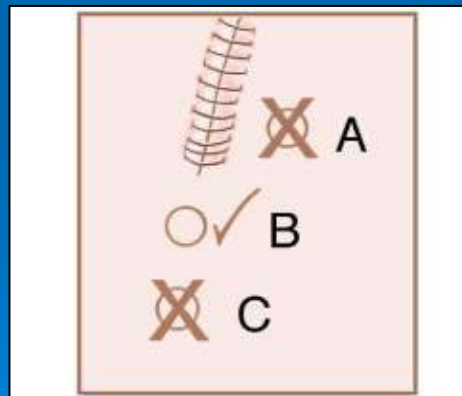
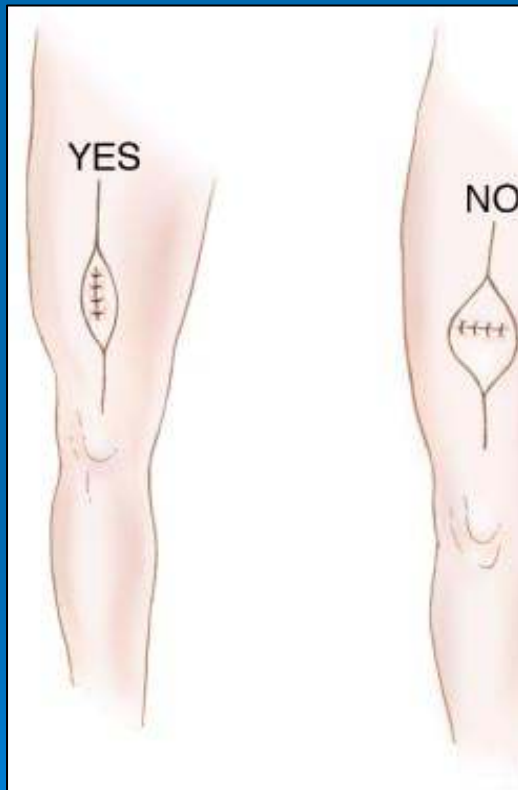
# Tumour Basics

## Biopsy

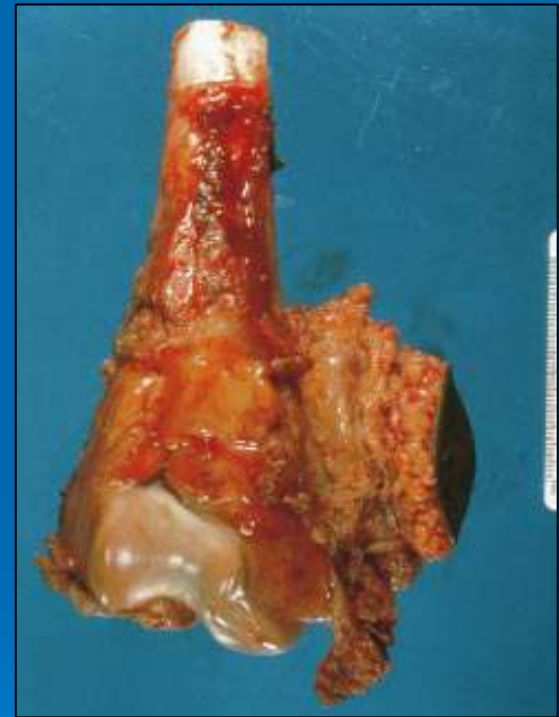
- Ideally surgeon who will perform resection
- Performed through muscle
- Stay within compartment
- Longitudinal **not** transverse incision
- **Don't** expose Neurovascular bundles
- **Don't** lift skin/tissue flaps
- Send sample for culture
- Meticulous haemostasis
- Fresh Vs Fixed

Needle (Jamshedi/Trucut/Islam) Vs Open Vs Excisional

# Tumour Basics



Drain placement



# Tumour Basics

## Staging

### ➤ Why?

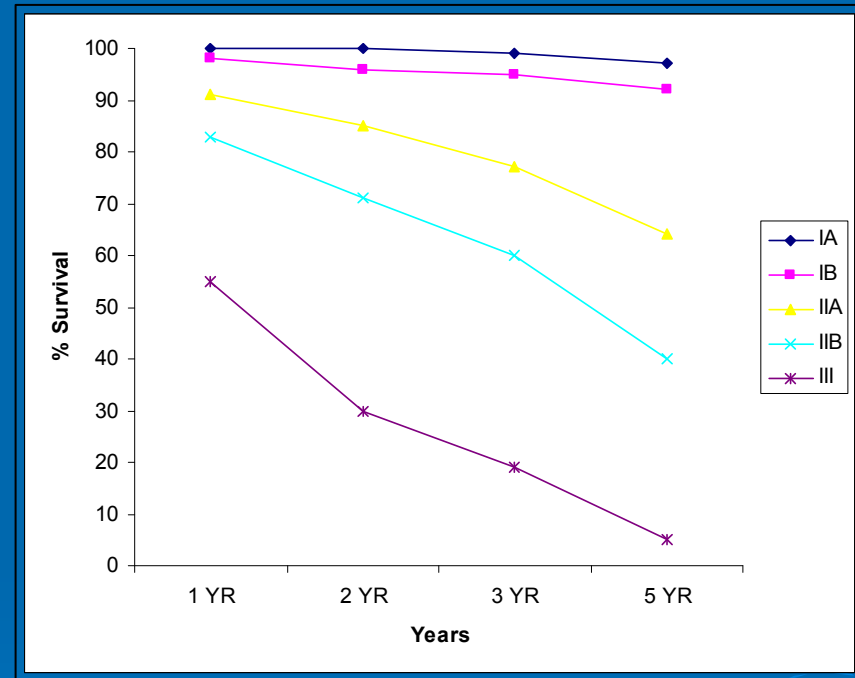
- Prognostic / Guide treatment & adjuvant therapies

### ➤ Enneking

- Grade (From Biopsy):  
Low (G1) Vs High (G2) grade
- Site (From local imaging):  
Intracompartmental (T1) Vs Extracompartmental (T2)
- Metastasis (From staging CT/Bone scan):  
No Mets (M0) Vs Mets (M1)

# Tumour Basics

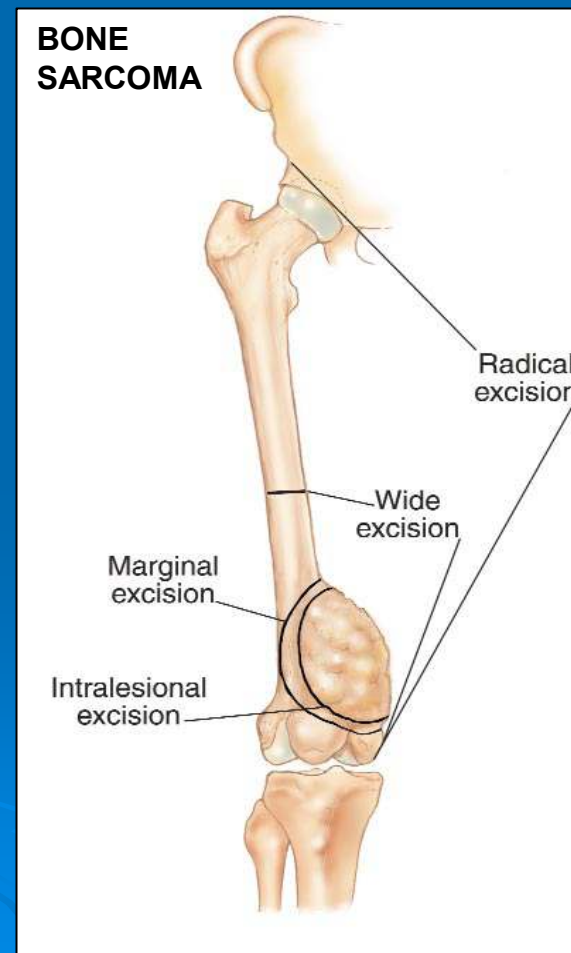
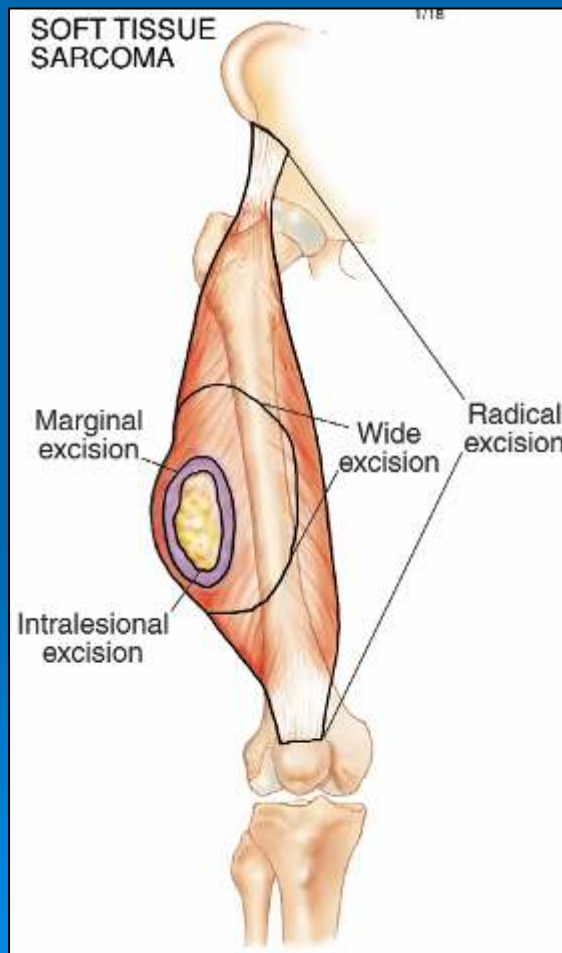
Stage	Grade	Site	Metastasis
IA	G1	T1	M0
IB	G1	T2	M0
IIA	G2	T1	M0
IIB	G2	T2	M0
III	Any	Any	M1



Survival by Enneking's surgical stage of 219 patients with primary bone sarcoma.

# Tumour Basics

## Tumour Excision



# Common Bone Tumours

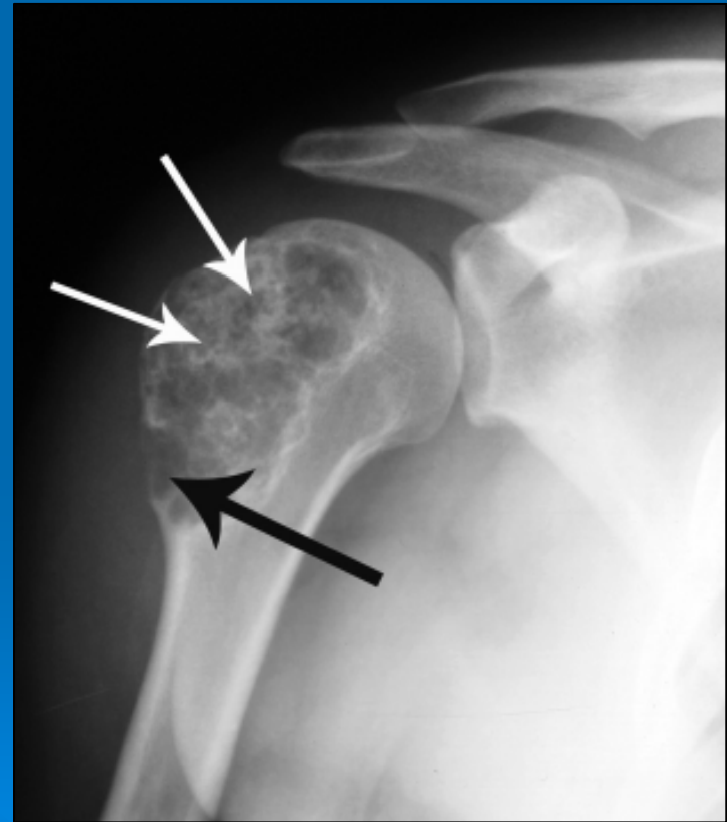
**Osteosarcoma** – Malignant spindle cell tumour

- Bimodal age distribution
- Distal femur (50%) & Prox Humerus (25%)
- X-ray – lytic/sclerotic, permeative margins, Codmans triangle, sunray spiculation
- ≈10% have lung mets at presentation
- Survival ↑ with adjuvant/neo adjuvant chemotherapy
- Poor prognosis if develops in Pagetic bone

# Common Bone Tumours

## Chondrosarcoma – Malignant cartilage tumour

- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Decade
- M>F
- X-ray – patchy calcification:  
Popcorn appearance,  
endosteal scalloping
- Often slow growing with late  
metastasis
- Not chemo/radiosensitive



# Common Bone Tumours

**Ewings** – Malignant small round blue cell tumour

- Assoc with (11:22) chromosome translocation
- Occurs in kids (median age 13)
- Mainly femoral / tibial diaphysis
- Often have soft tissue invasion leading to Onion skin appearance on x-ray
- Assoc systemic upset – ↑ESR, ↑Temp, pain
- Neoadjuvant Chemo highly effective in ↓tumour bulk



# Common Bone Tumours

**Giant cell tumour** – Benign but aggressive tumour

- 80% occur in the mature skeleton
- Varied behaviour
  - **Latent vs active vs aggressive**
- Pathology: Multinucleated giant cells & stromal cells
- Epiphyseal abutting subchondral bone
- Treatment: excision preserving joint / reconstruction



# Common Bone Tumours

## Enchondroma – Benign Cartilage tumour

- Islands of persistent cartilage in metaphysis due to defective endochondral ossification
- Lesions in hand/feet – benign
- Lesions in pelvis/long bones more concerning
- Single Vs Multiple (Olliers) Vs + Haemangiomas (Maffuccis)



# Common Bone Tumours

## Osteochondroma (Exostosis) – Benign bone surface tumour

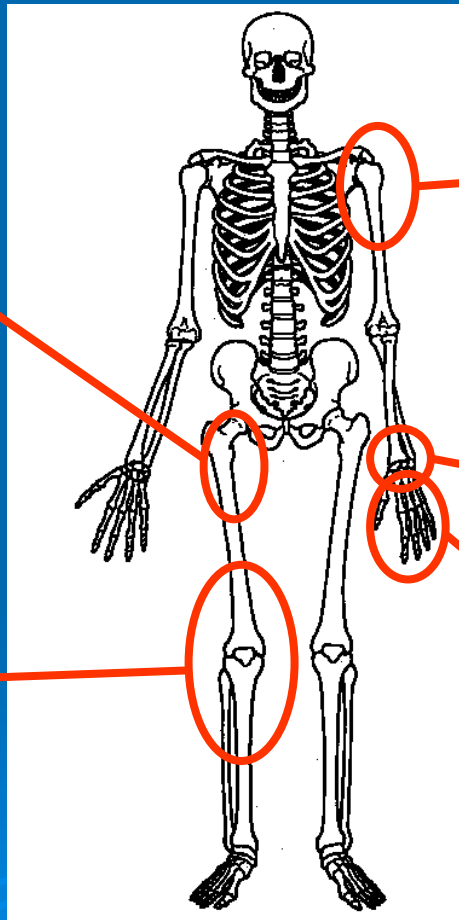
- Commonest benign bone tumour
- Solitary Vs Multiple (Diaphyseal acalasis)
- Bone stalk with cartilage cap
- Should stop growing when parent bone stops growing
- Low risk of malignant change
- Concern if ↑size or cap >1cm



# Common Bone Tumours

Osteosarcoma  
Chondrosarcoma  
Ewings  
Enchondroma  
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Enchondroma

# Common Bone Tumours

## Metastasis

- Lung, Breast, Prostate, Kidney, Thyroid

## Principles:

- Control pain
- Control mass of deposits
- Treat fractures
- Treat  $\uparrow\text{Ca}^{2+\#}$
- Prophylactic stabilisation

Haematopoietic tumours: Lymphoma, Myeloma

# Soft Tissue Tumours

## ➤ Soft Tissue Sarcomas in upper limb

	UL (%)	LL (%)
Malignant fibrous histiocyoma	40	31
Liposarcoma	15	25
Synovial Sarcoma	10	5
Malignant PNST	7	7
Lieomyosarcoma	7	8
Fibrosarcoma	7	3
Epithelioid sarcoma	3	1
Other	11	20

# Soft Tissue Tumours

- Benign “lumps and bumps”
  - Synovium : Ganglia, GCT tendon sheath, PVNS
  - Fat : Lipoma
  - Vascular : AV malformations, Haemangiomas, Glomus tumour
  - Fibrous tissue : Fibroma, Fibromatosis
  - Neural : Schwannoma, Neurofibroma
  - Others : Post traumatic conditions, epidermal cysts, CMC Boss

# Considerations specific to UL STS

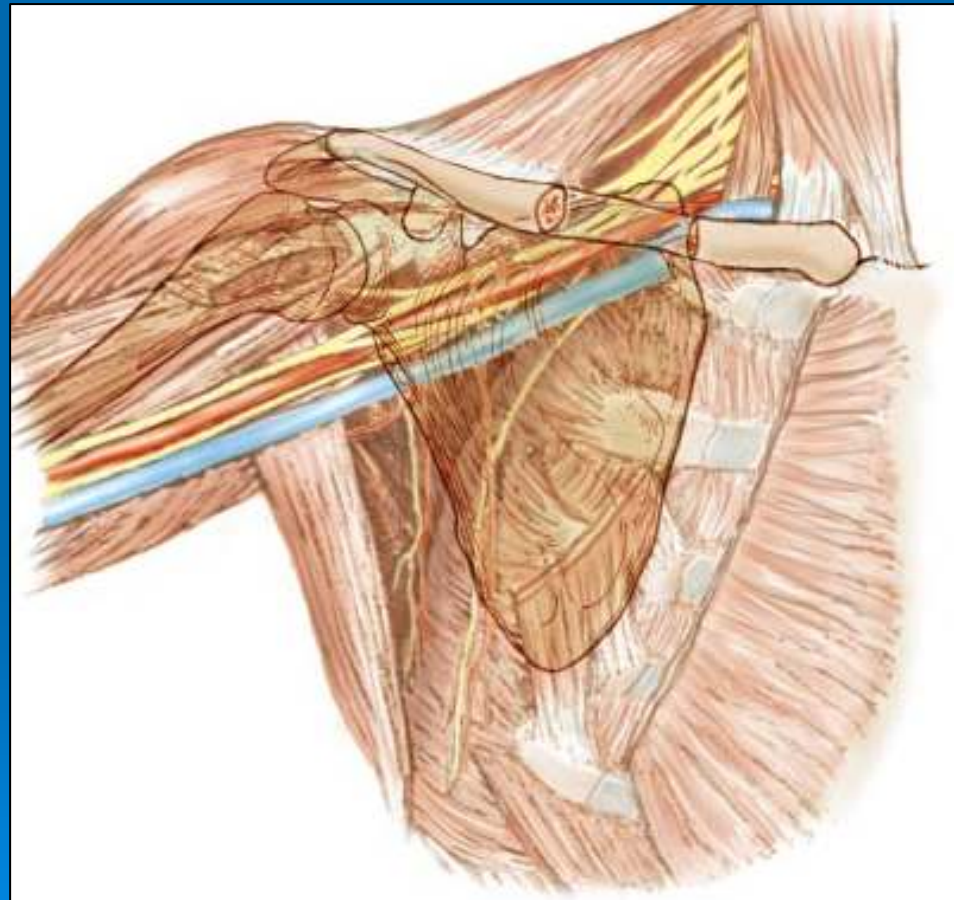
## ➤ UL Vs LL

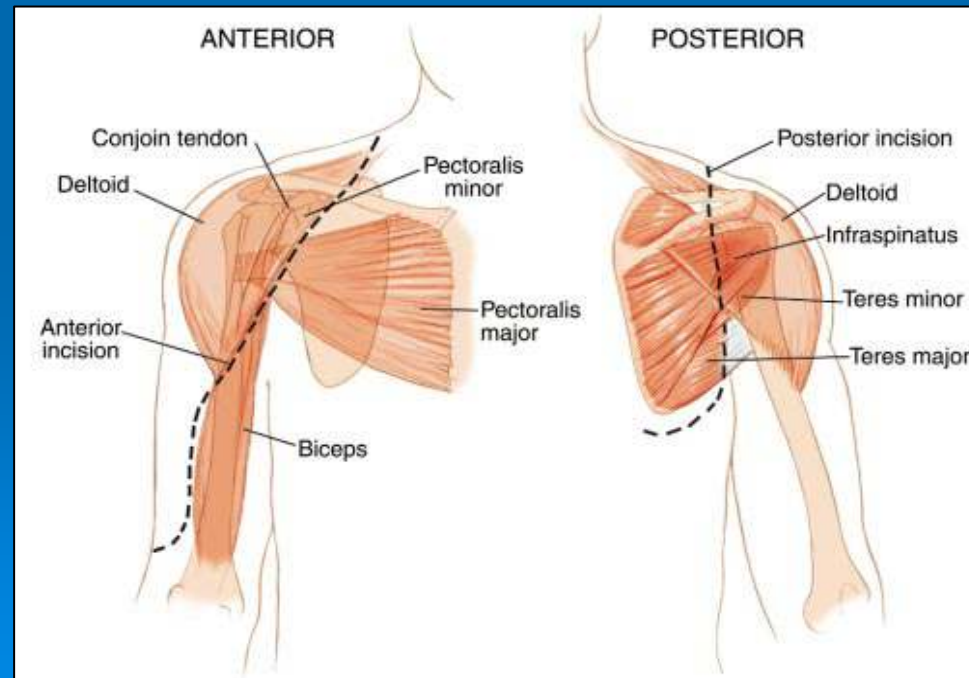
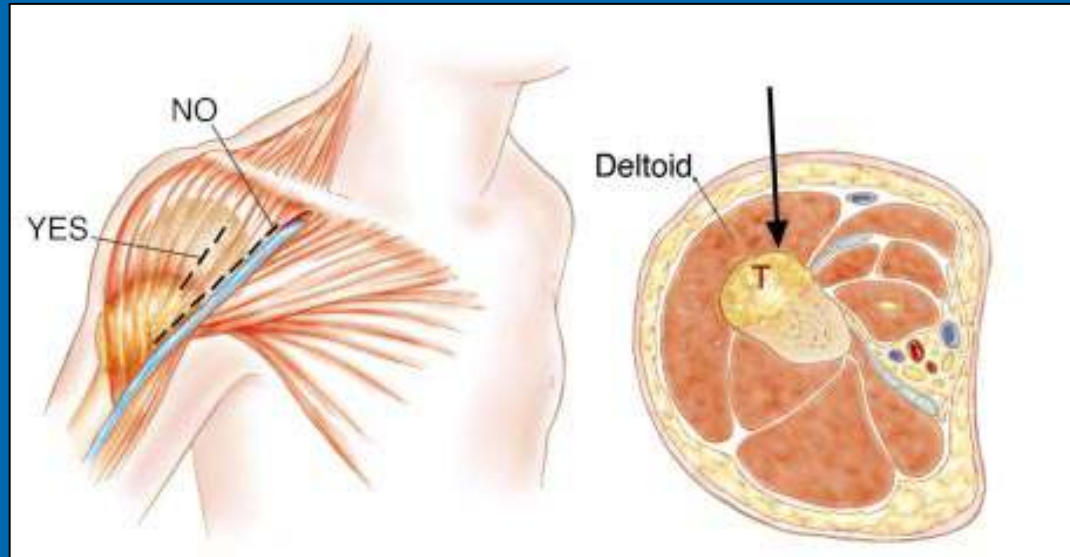
- Smaller lesions at presentation
- Less likely to be deep to or involving the investing fascia
- Higher rate of unplanned excision before referral
- Tumours of different histological types
- Higher rate of local recurrence
  - ?Related to:
    - Histological type
    - Unplanned excisions
    - Anatomy
    - Use of adjuvant modalities

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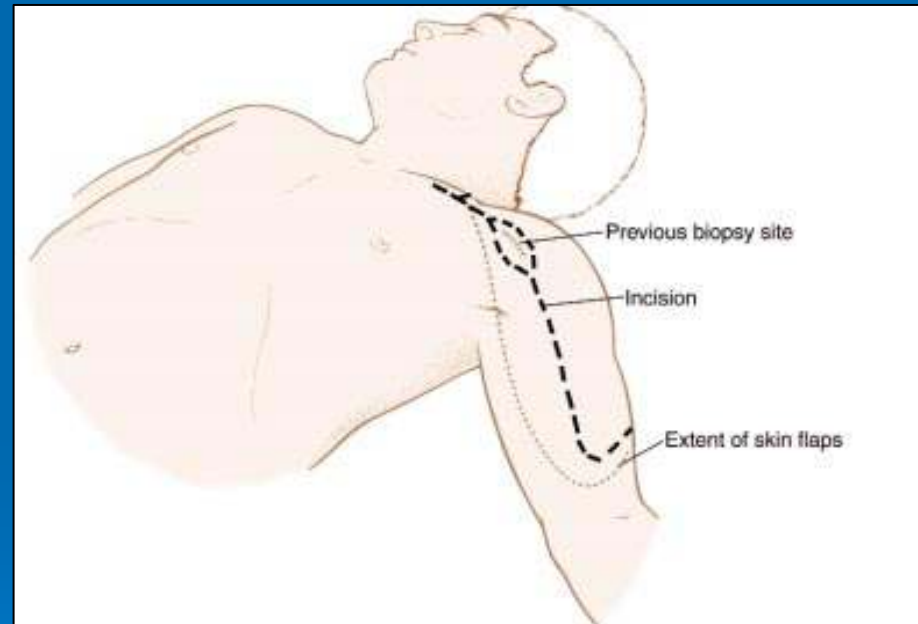
- Preservation of function is key consideration
  - Less likely to amputate
  - Preference for WLE and reconstruction
- Treatment of 2ndry boney metastasis
  - UL not weight bearing
  - Can therefore consider use of conservative measures eg protection in sling, immobilisation for fractures etc

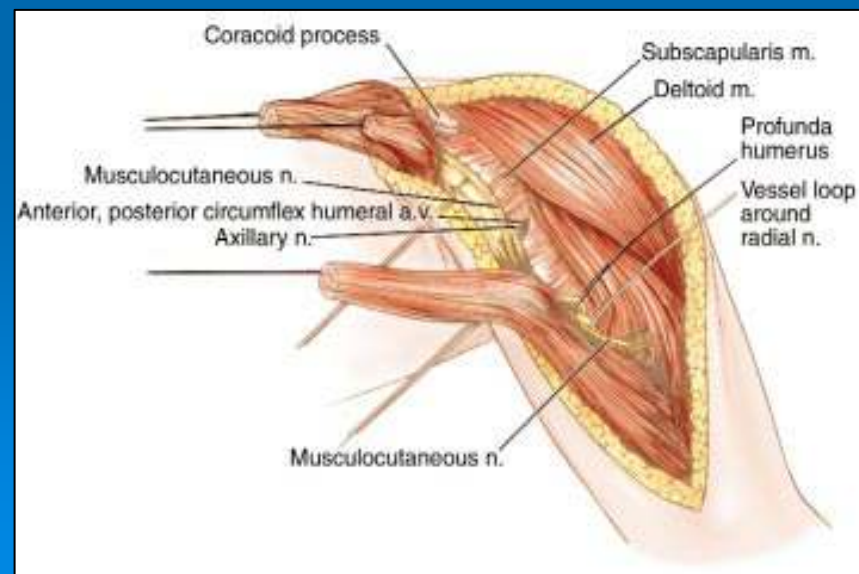
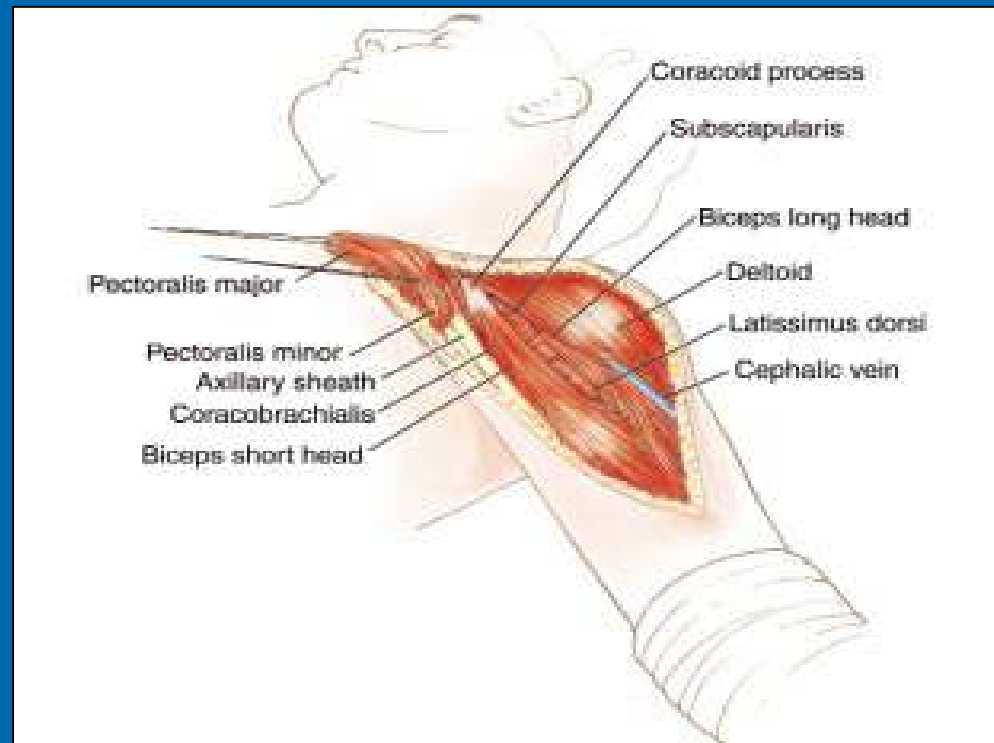
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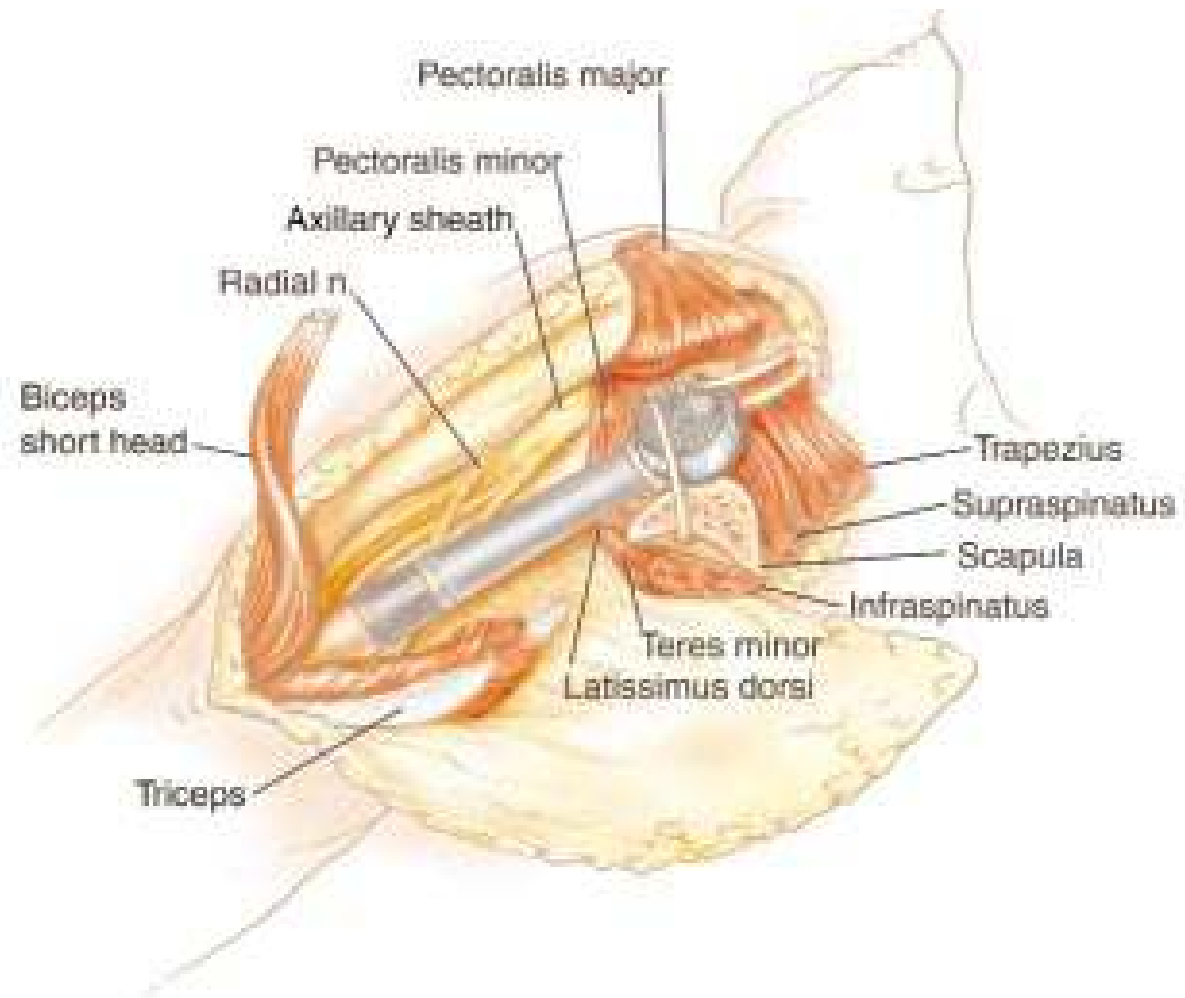




# Biopsy







# Proximal humeral reconstruction

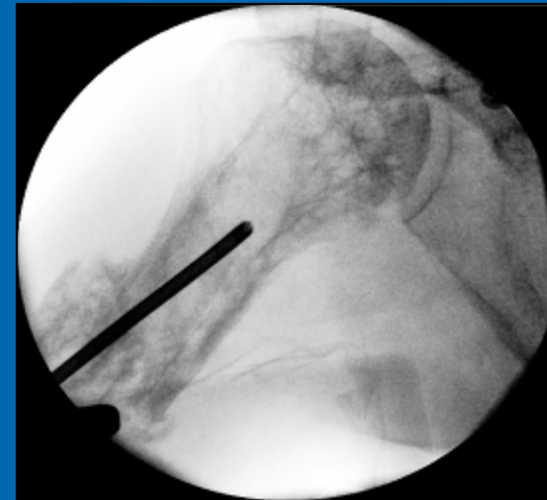
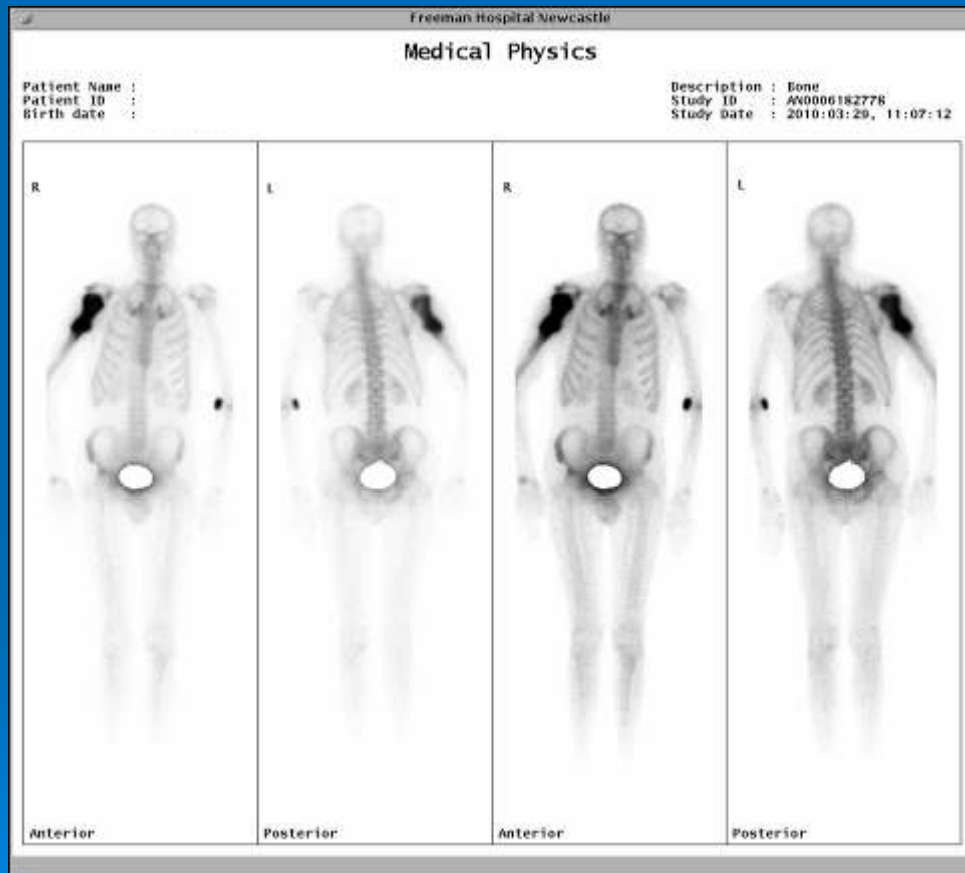


84 yo male

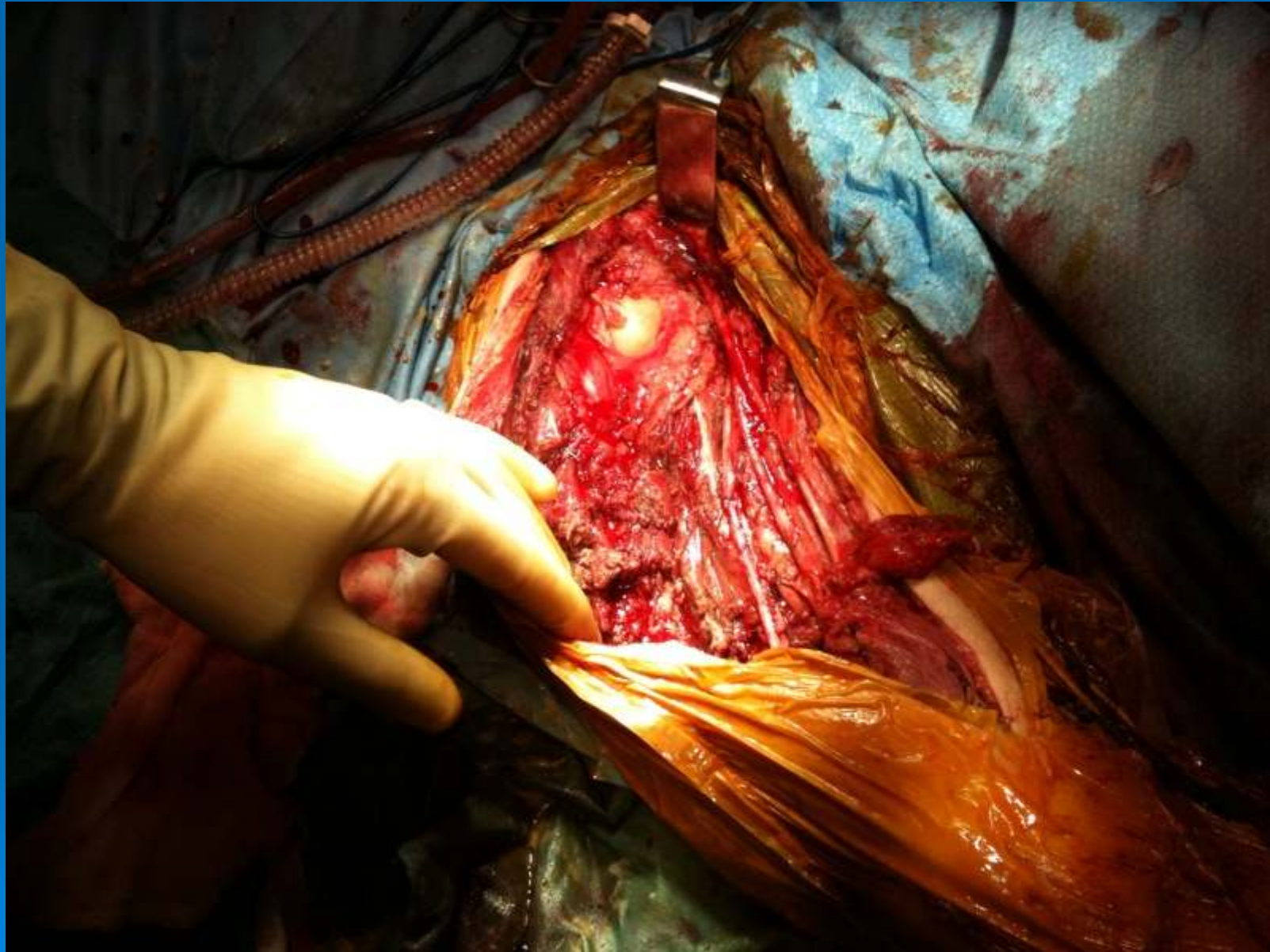
Pathological fracture

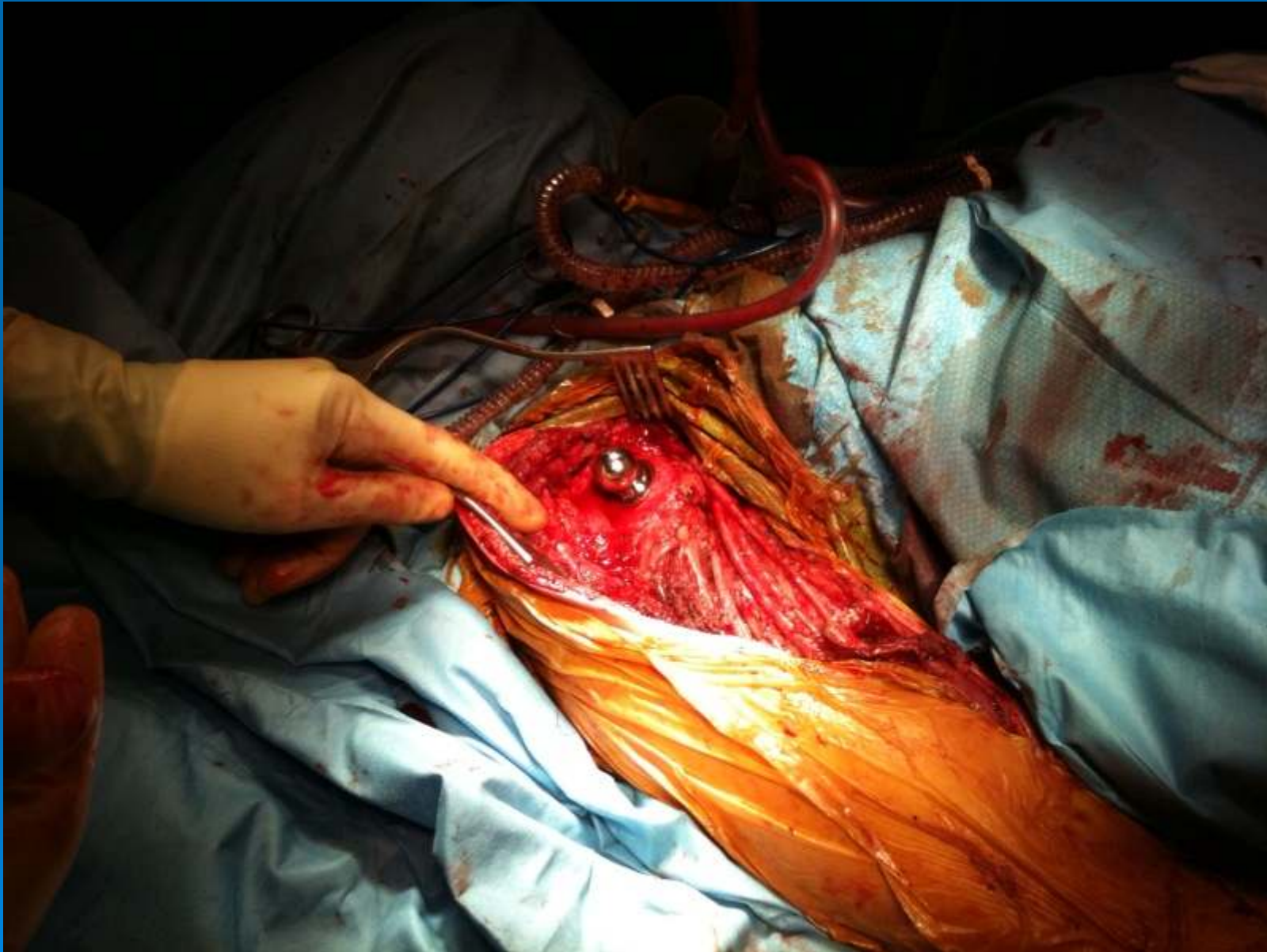
1. Most likely diagnosis?
2. What next?

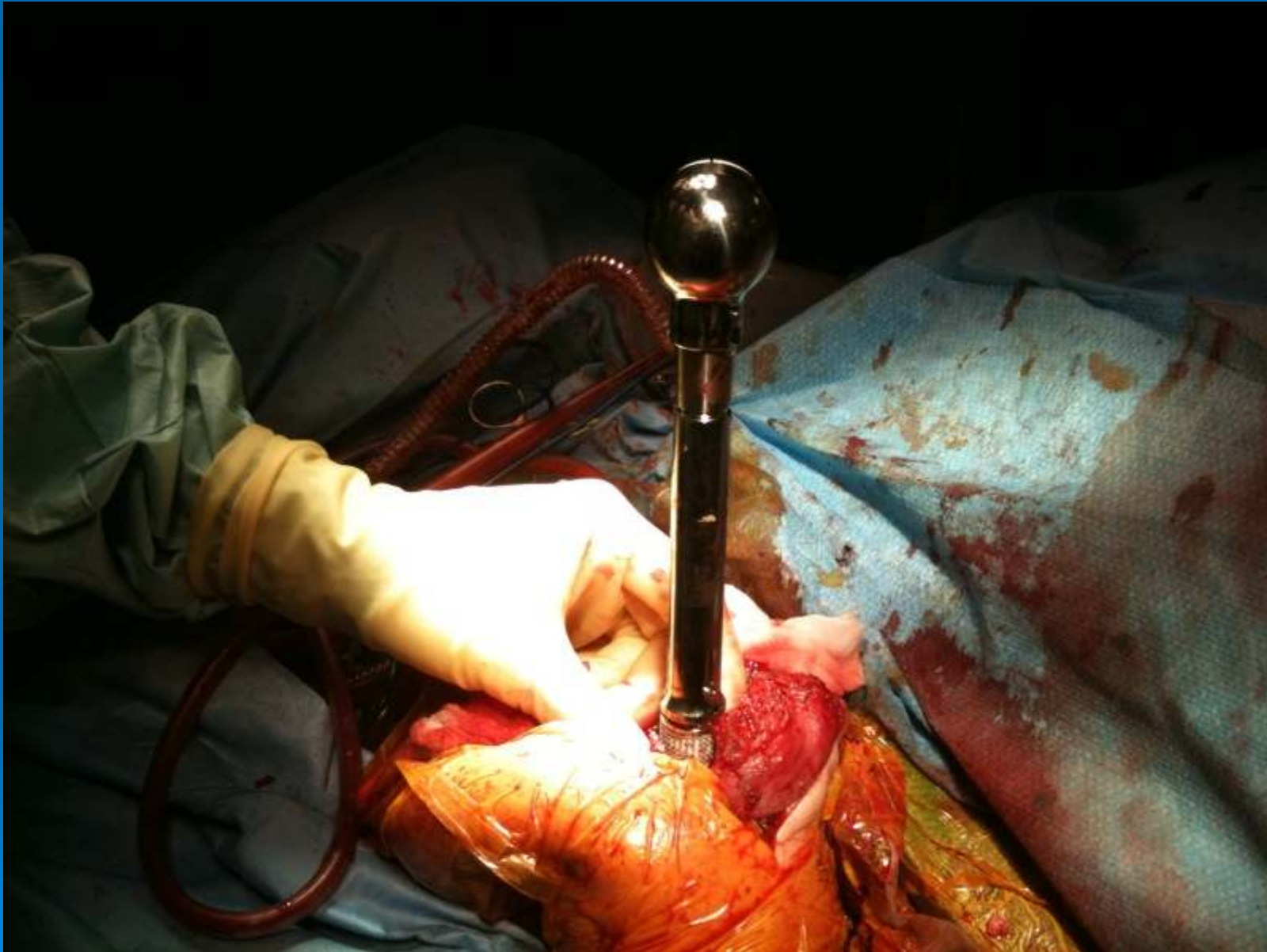
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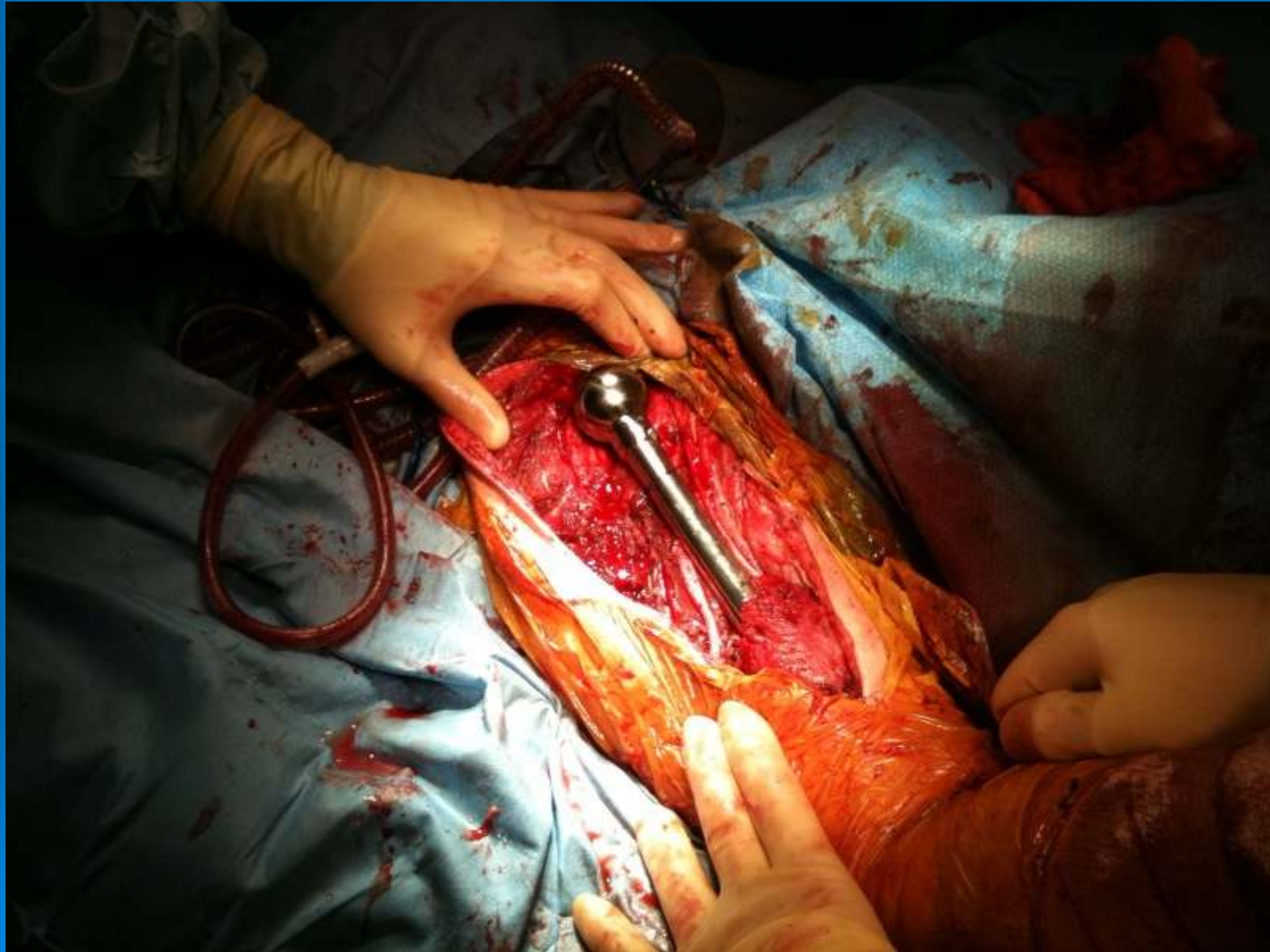




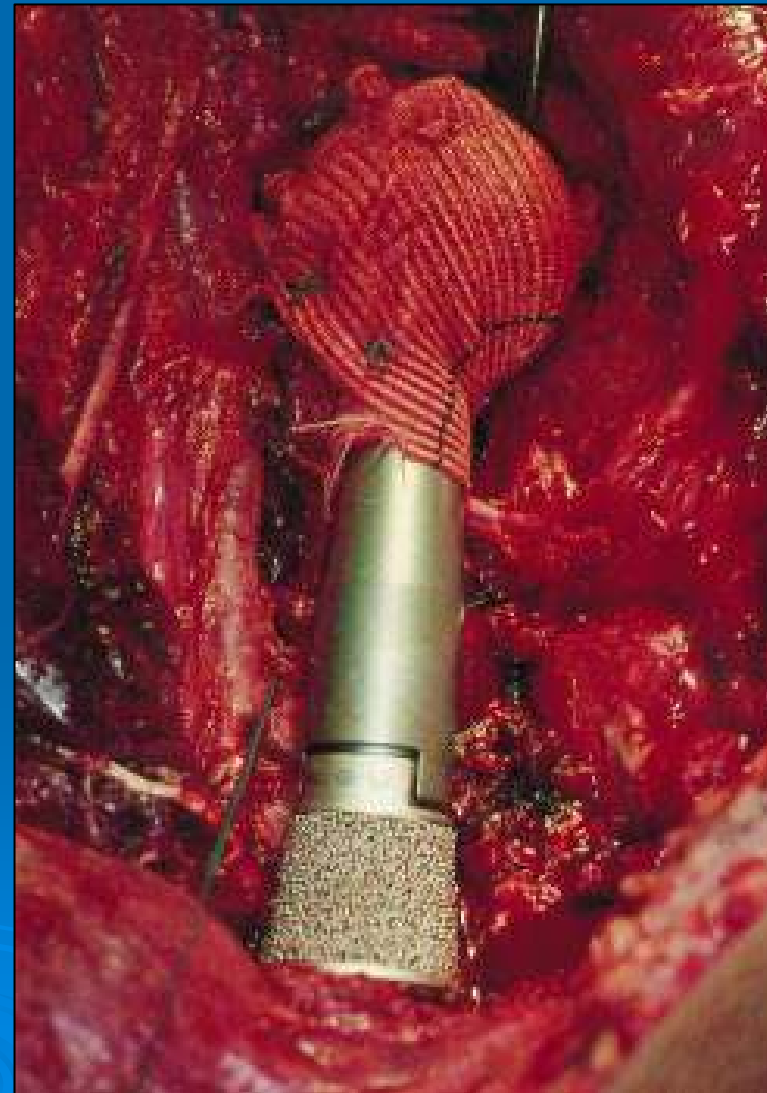
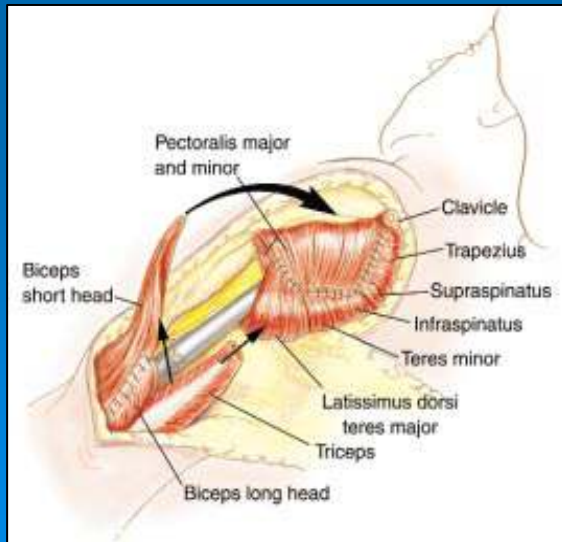
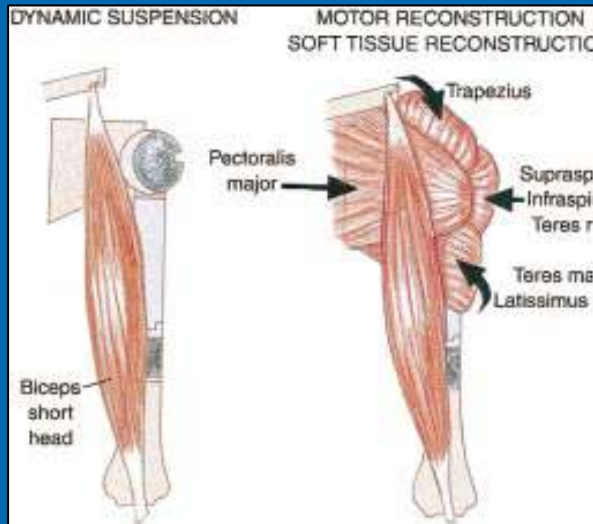




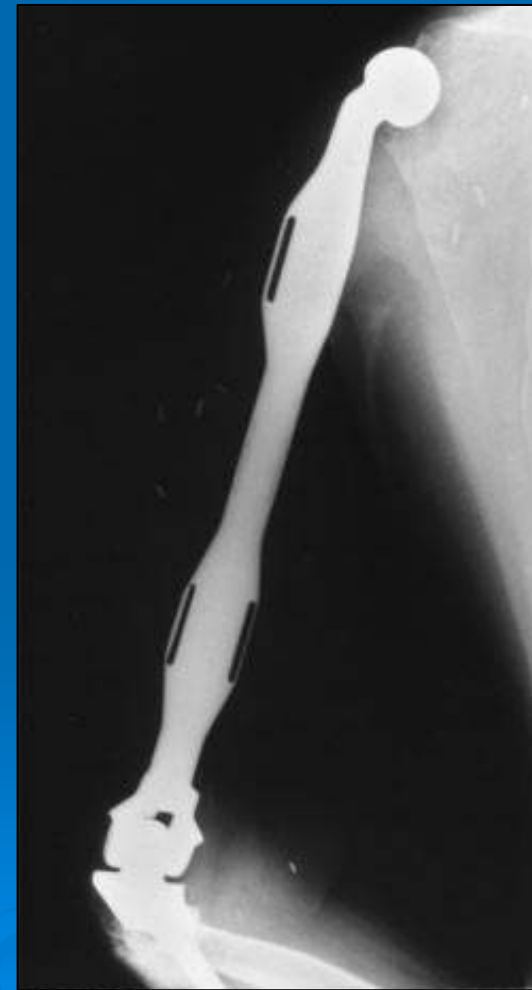
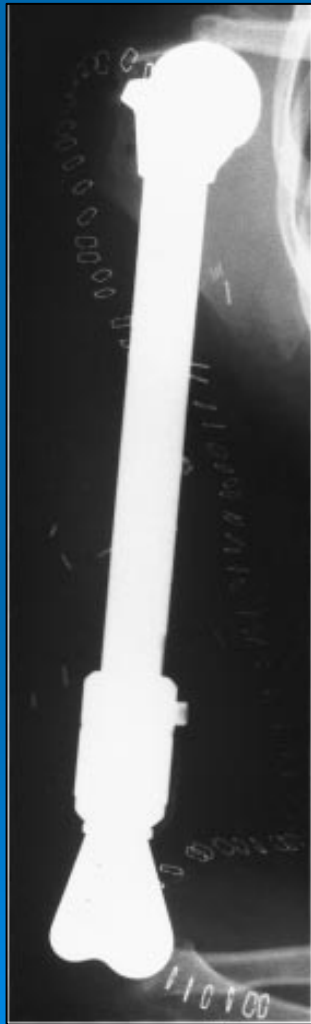




# Covering the reconstruction



# Reconstruction



# Cases





1. Describe the x-ray appearance
2. Diagnosis?

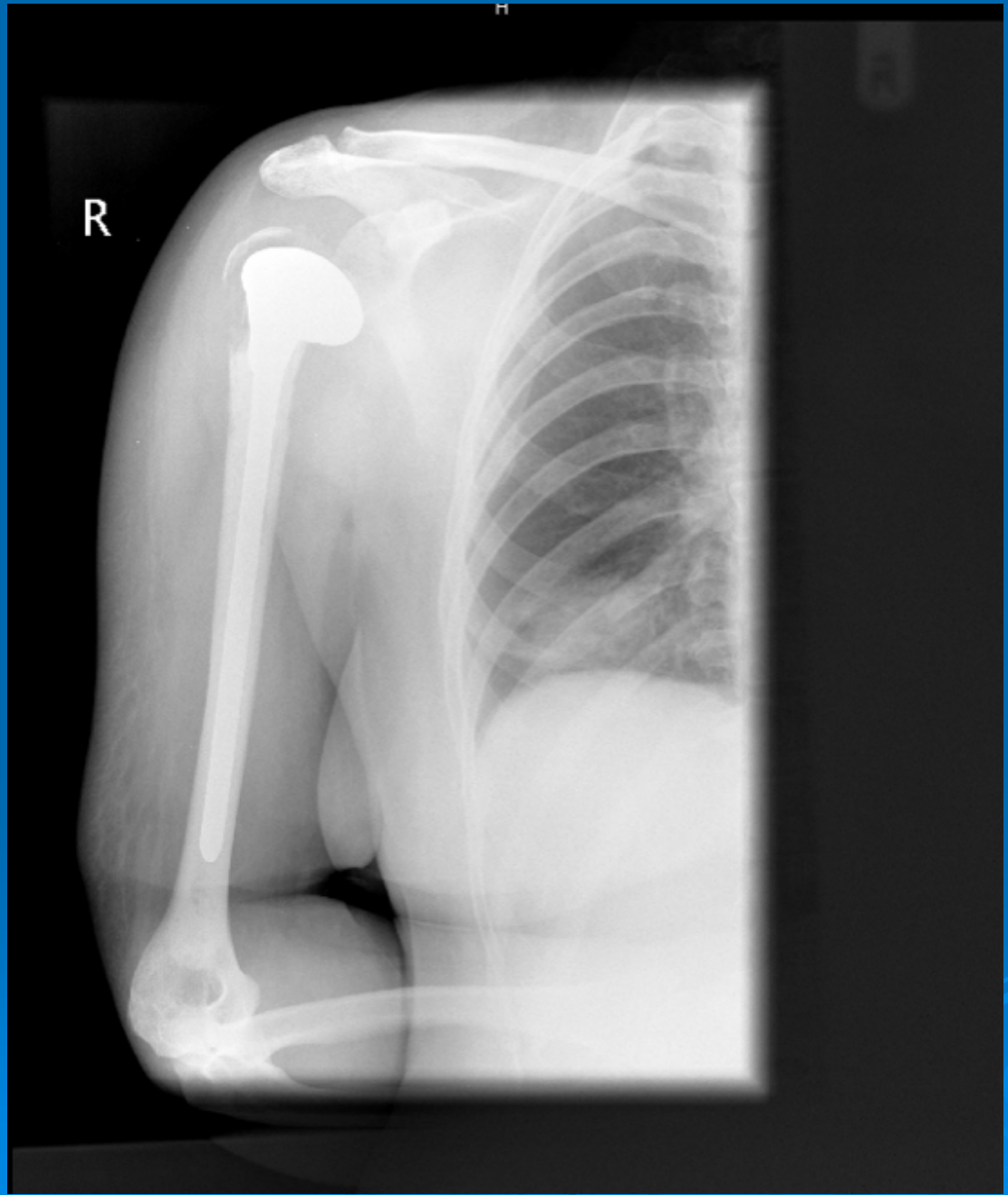


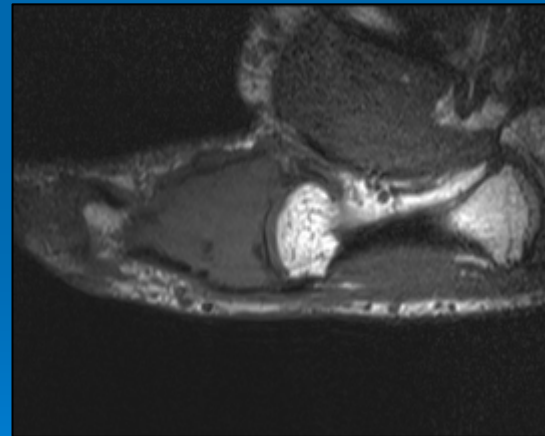
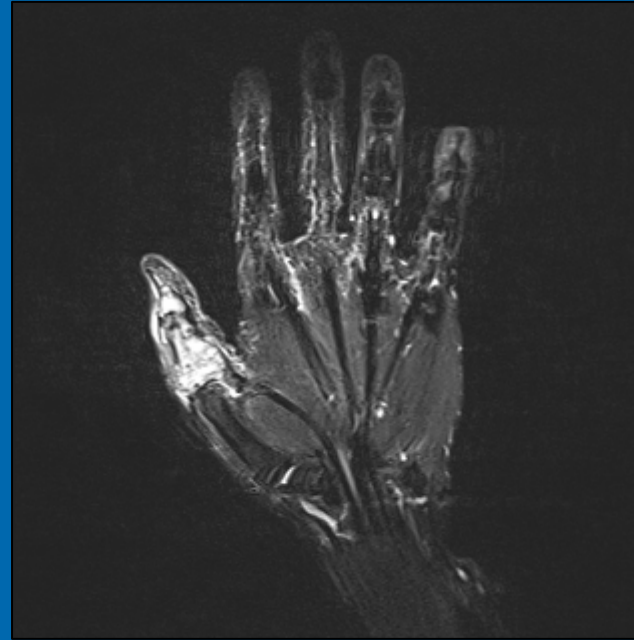
1. Diagnosis?

54 yo female with pathological # due to metastatic breast Ca



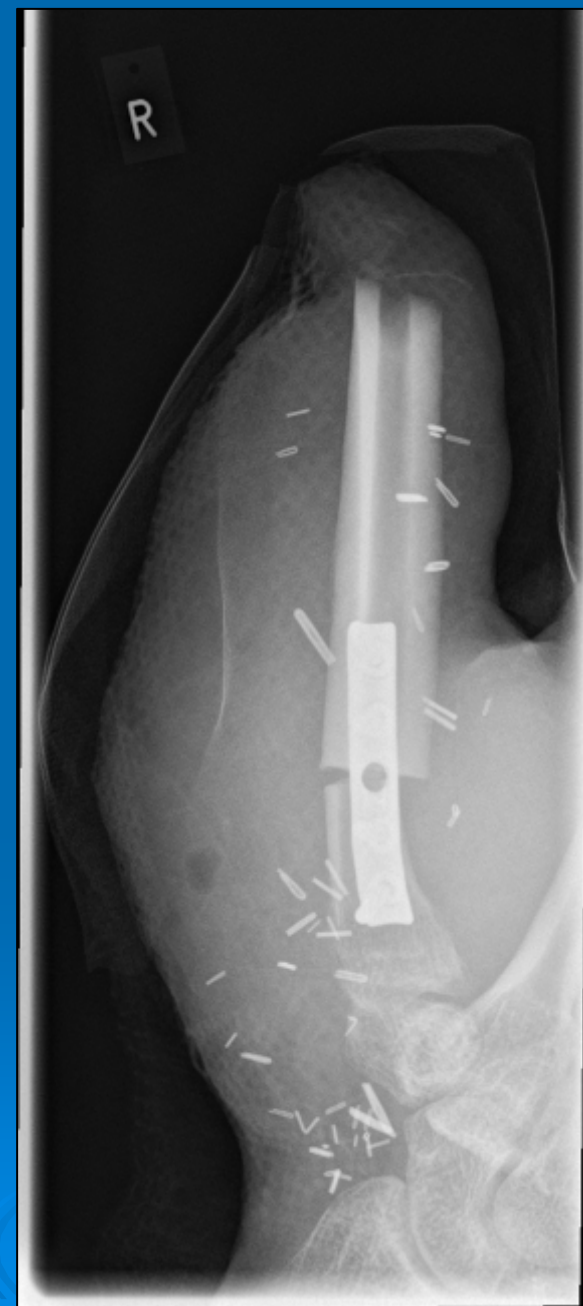
1. Options for treatment?

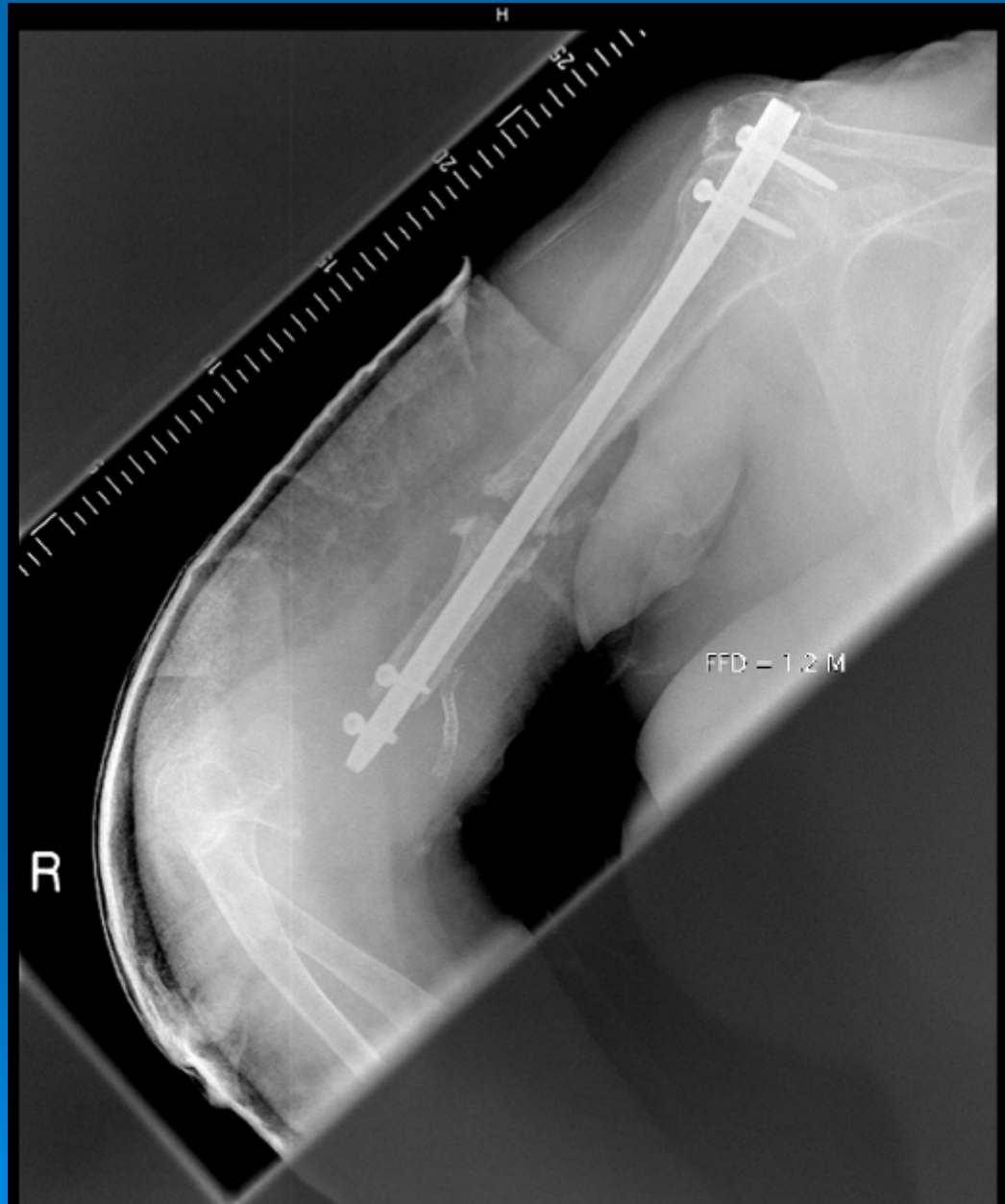




1. Arising from bone or soft tissue?

# Low grade Haemangio-endothelioma





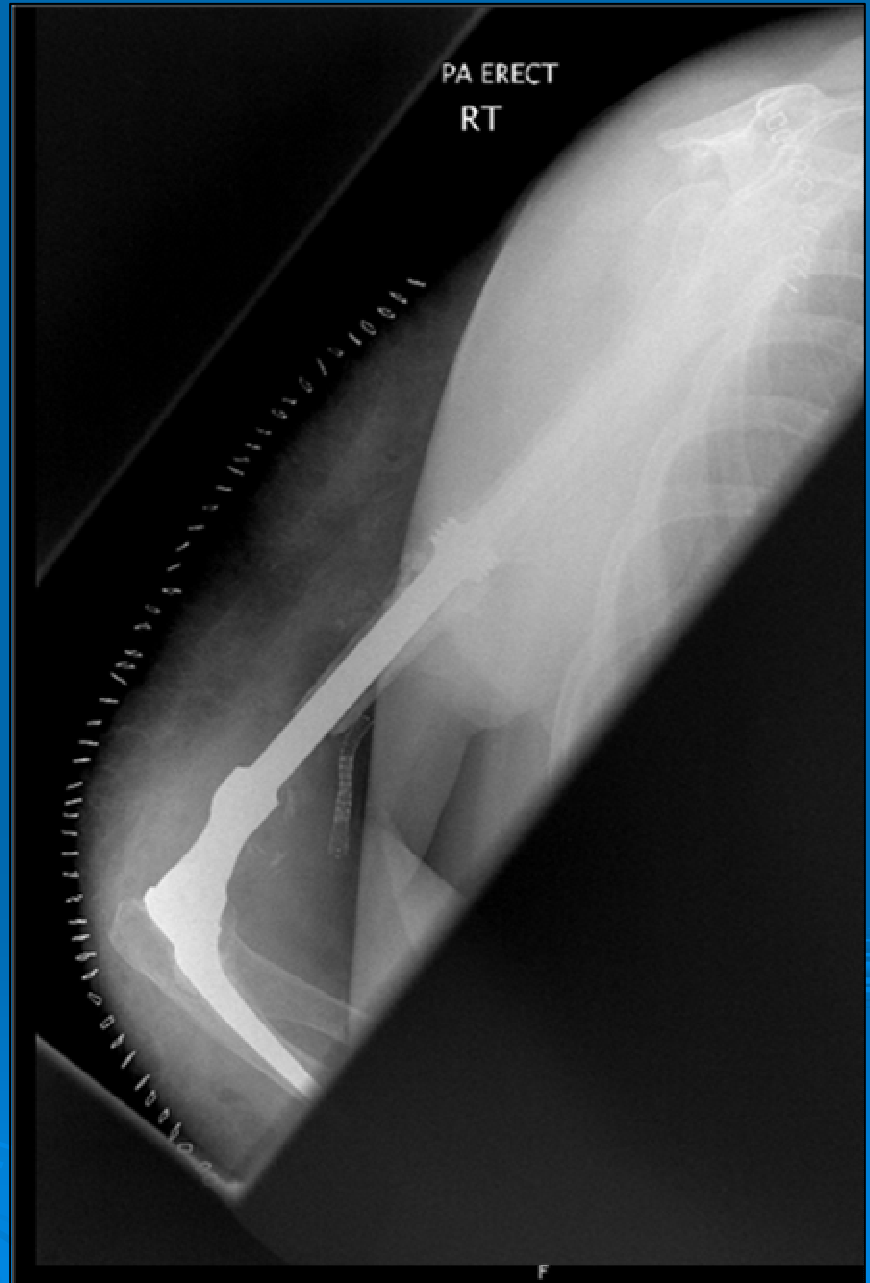
72 yo female

Nailing of metastatic  
thyroid Ca

Pseudoaneurysm of  
brachial artery

Pain++, instability,  
non functional,  
episodes hand going  
white

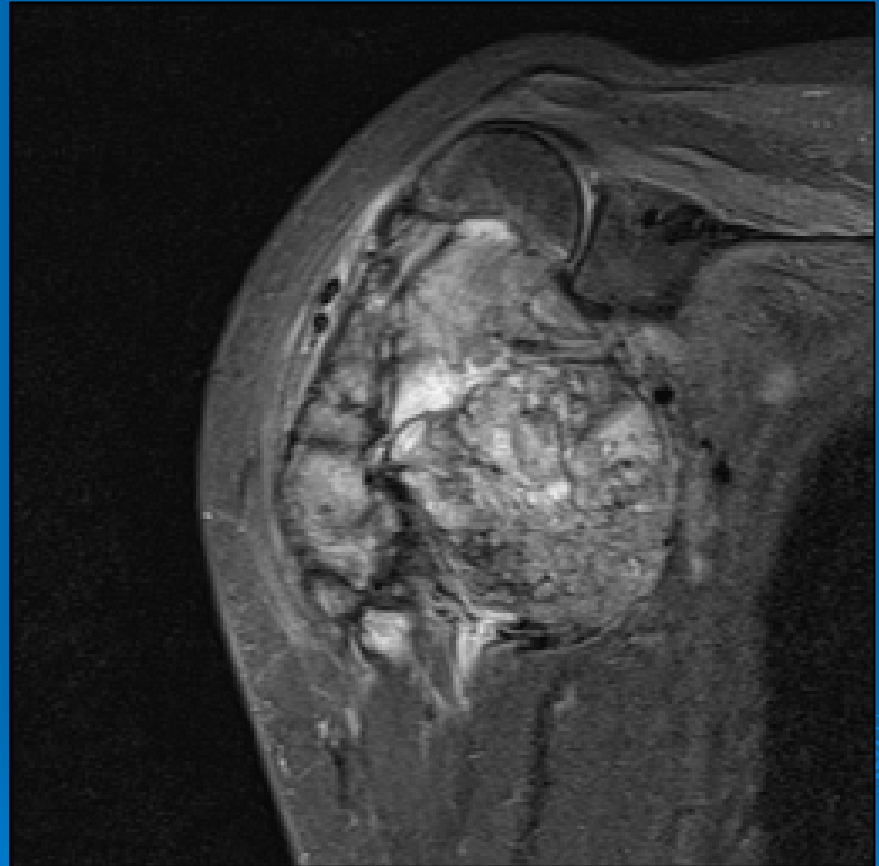
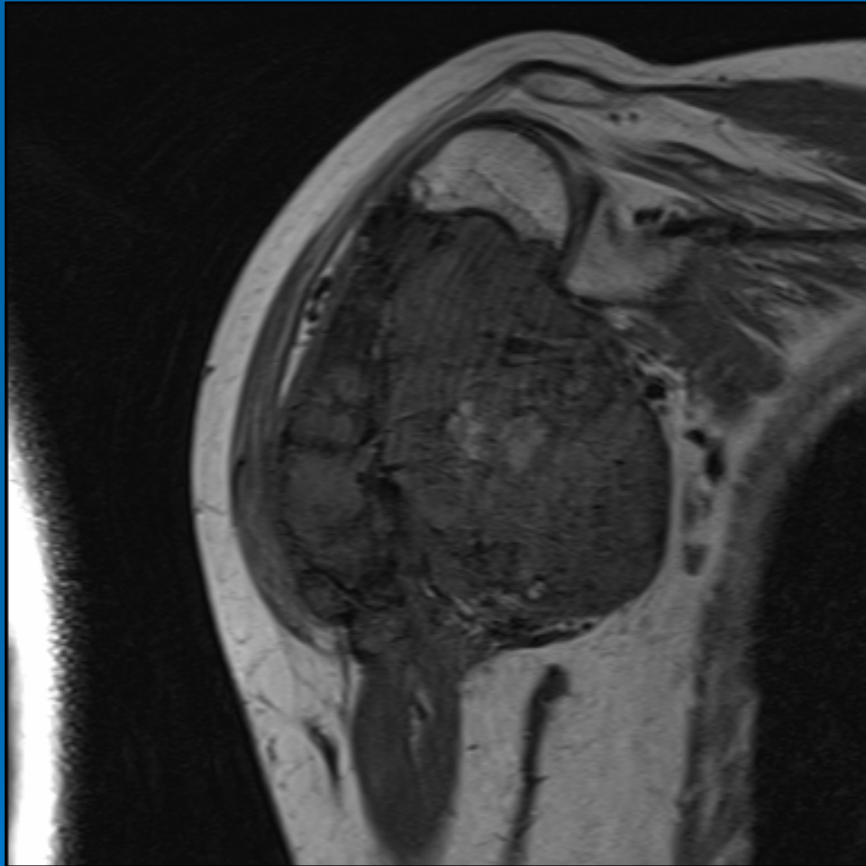
1. Options for  
management?

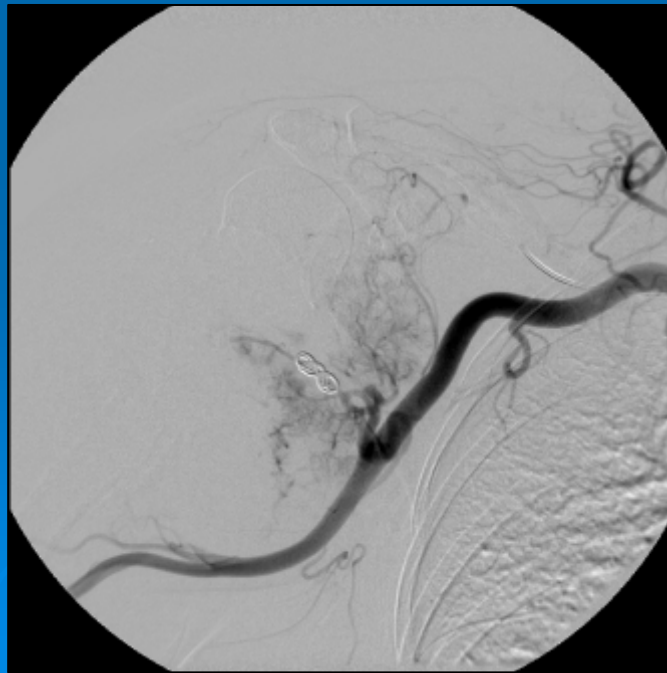
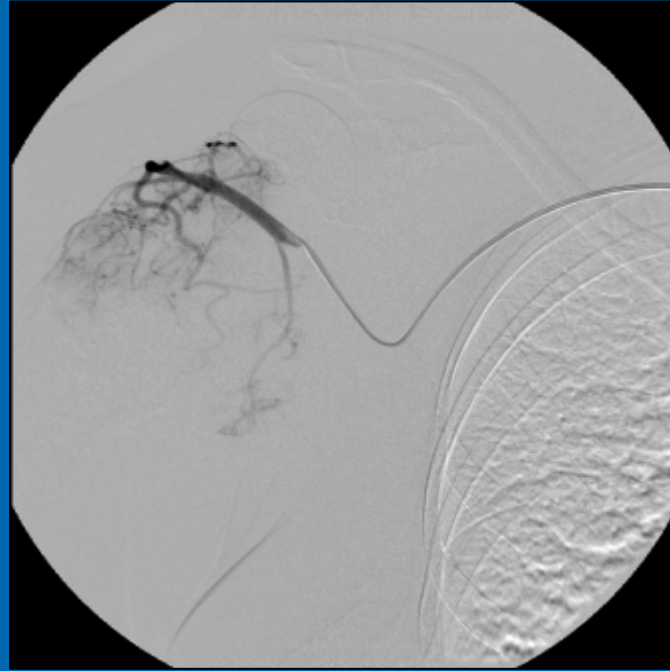
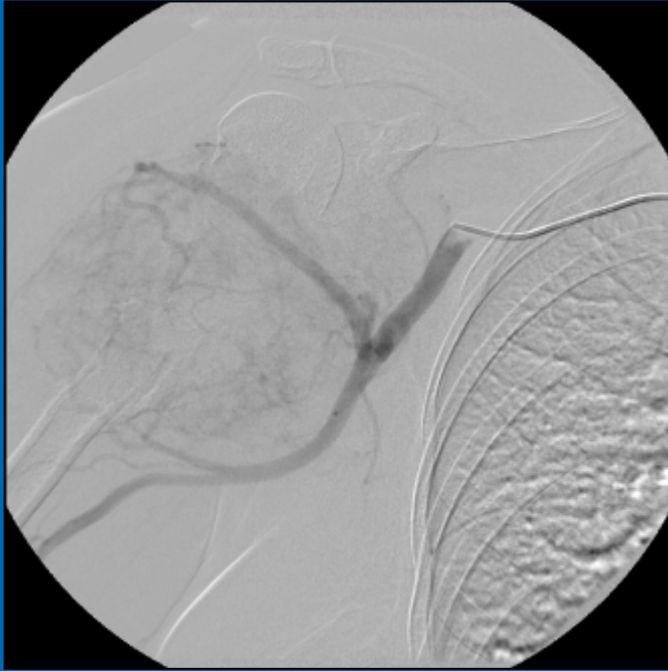


62 yo female : Metastatic renal cell Ca



1. Preoperative considerations?
2. Surgical management?

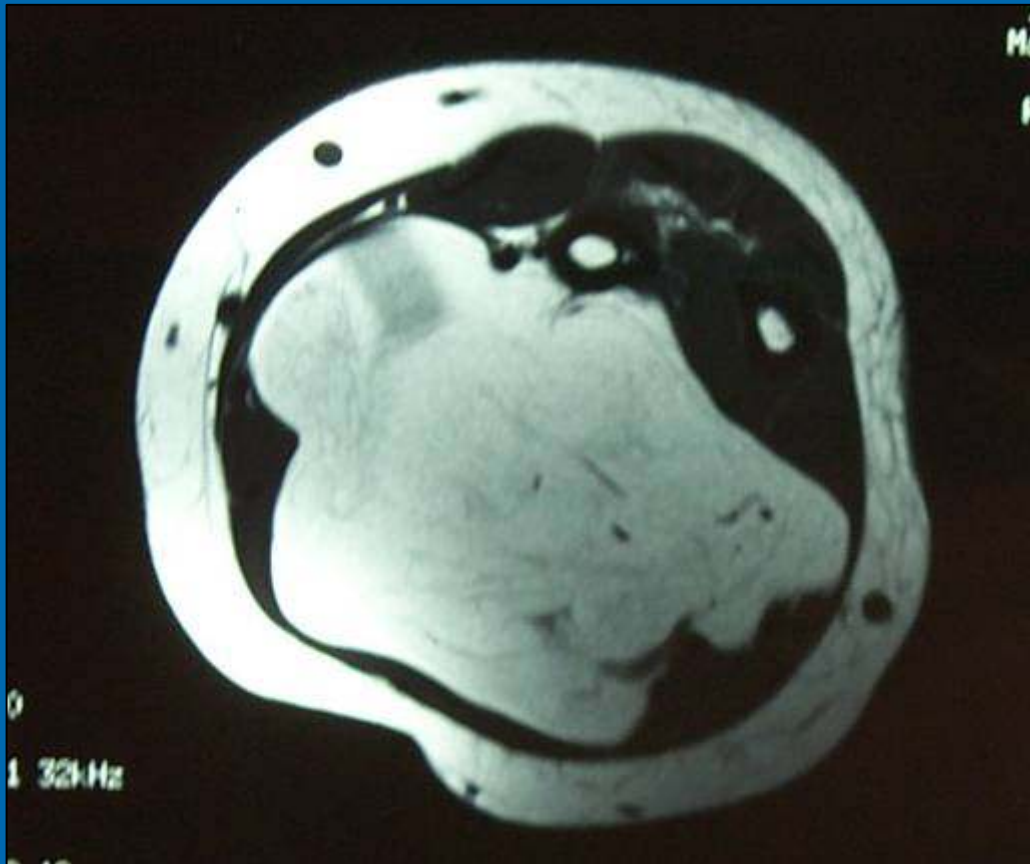






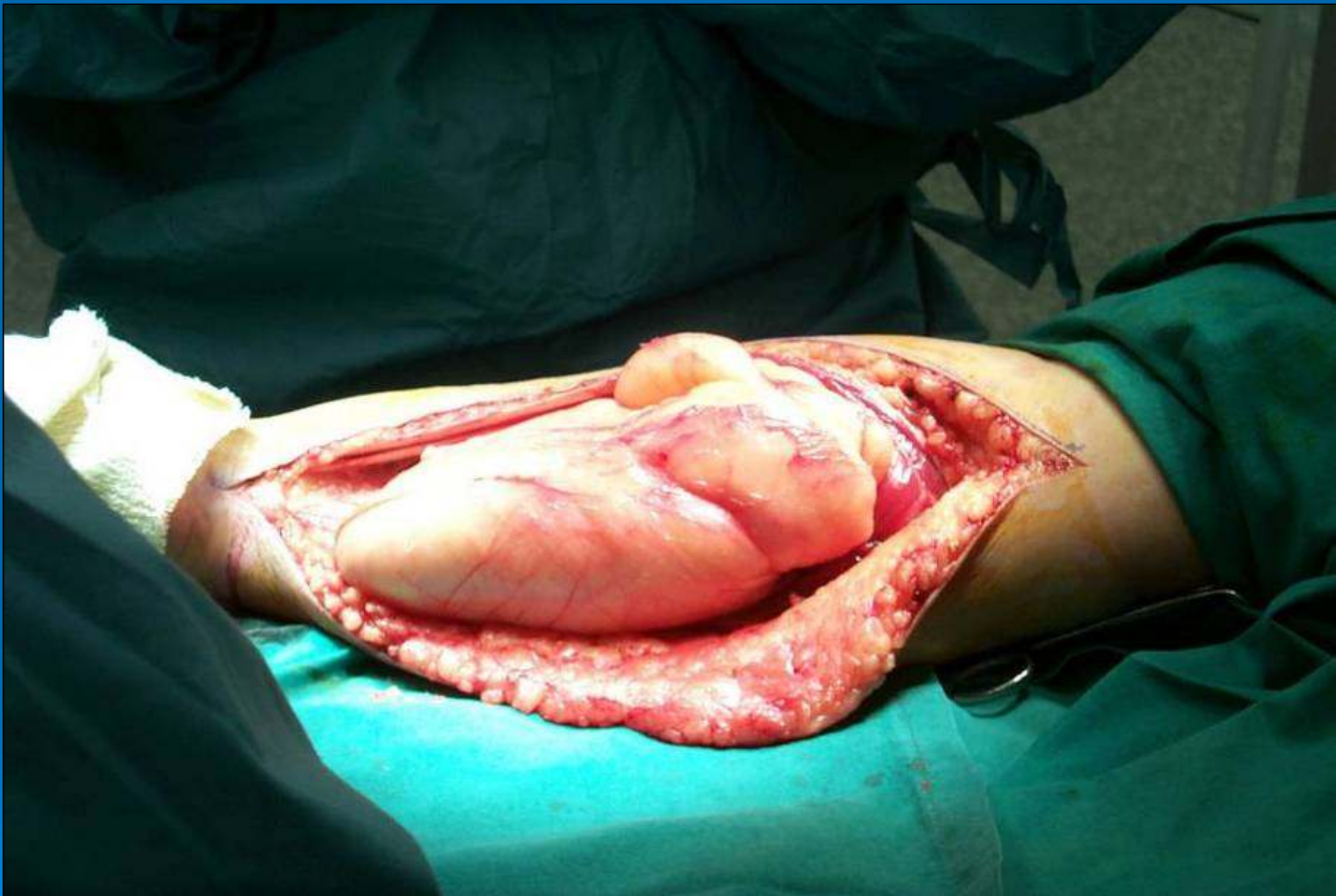


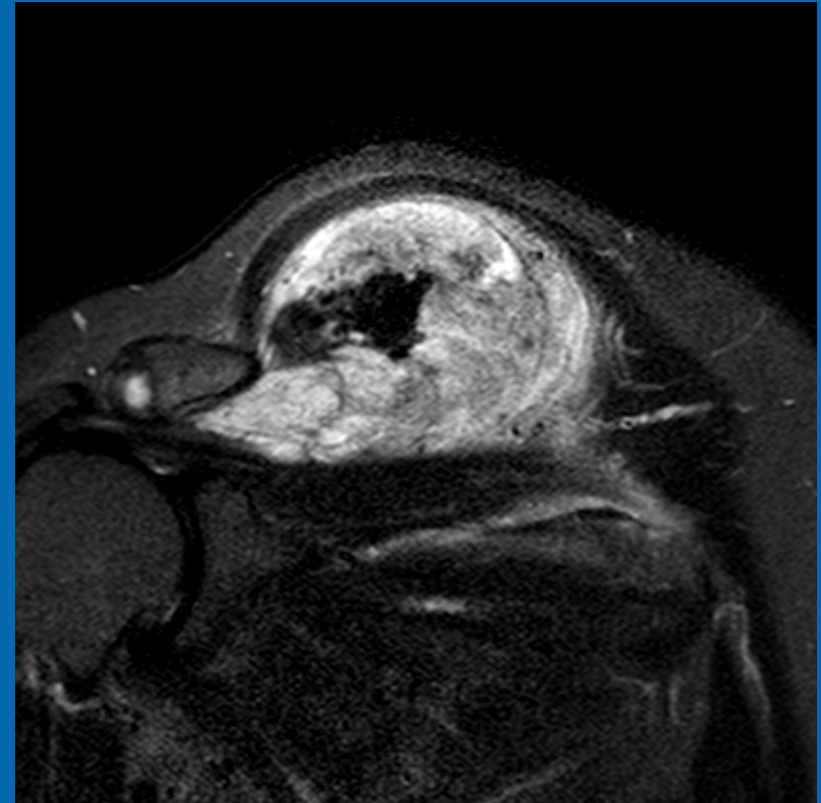
1. How would you investigate?



1. Diagnosis?







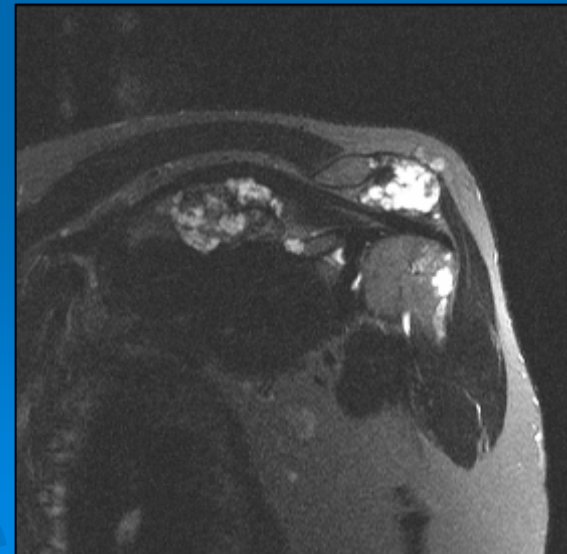
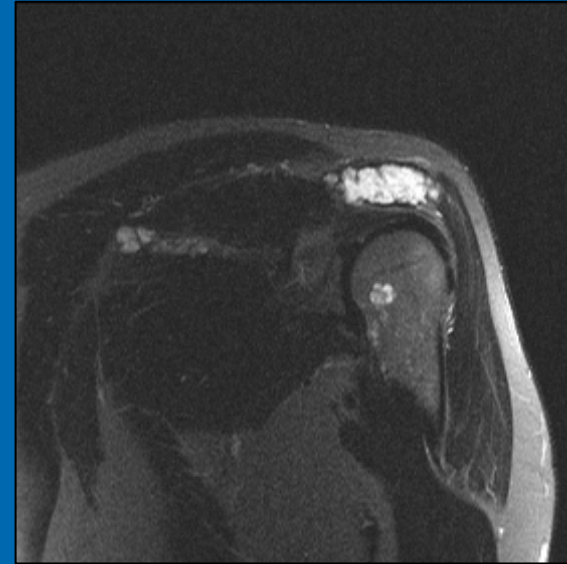
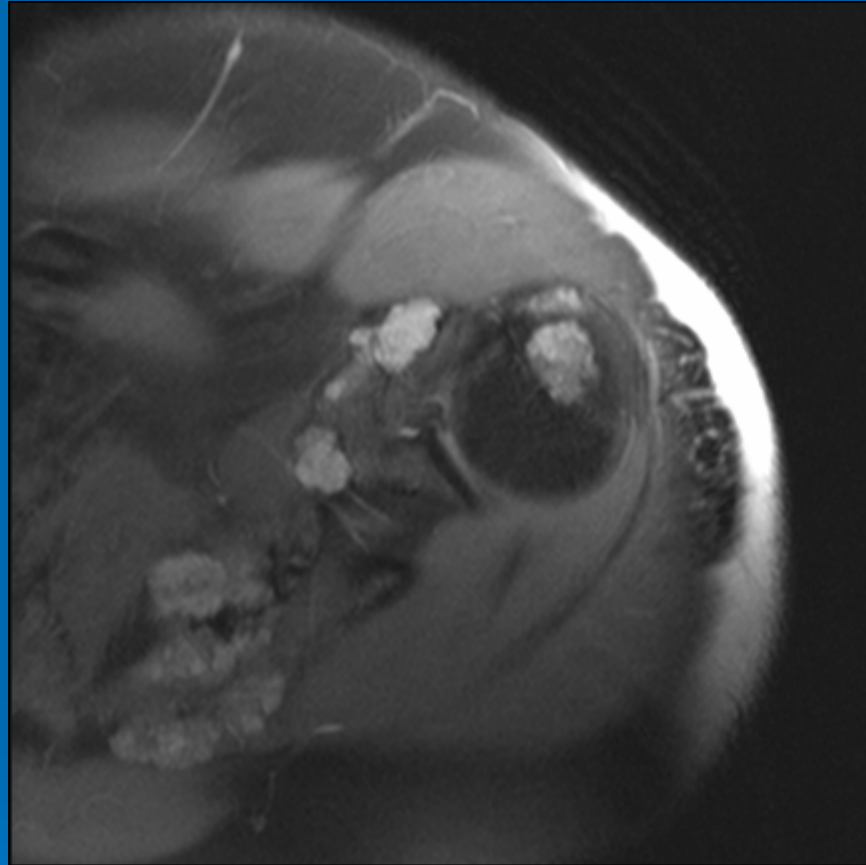
1. Benign or malignant?
2. How would you proceed surgically?

# Male with multiple calcified lumps and haemangiomas

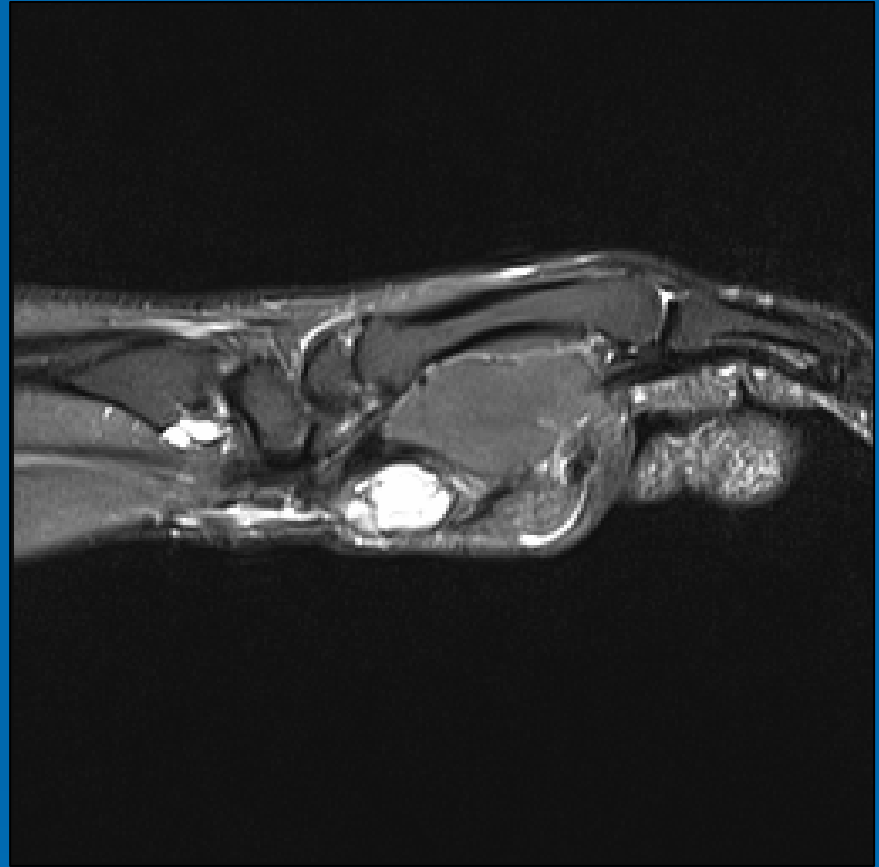
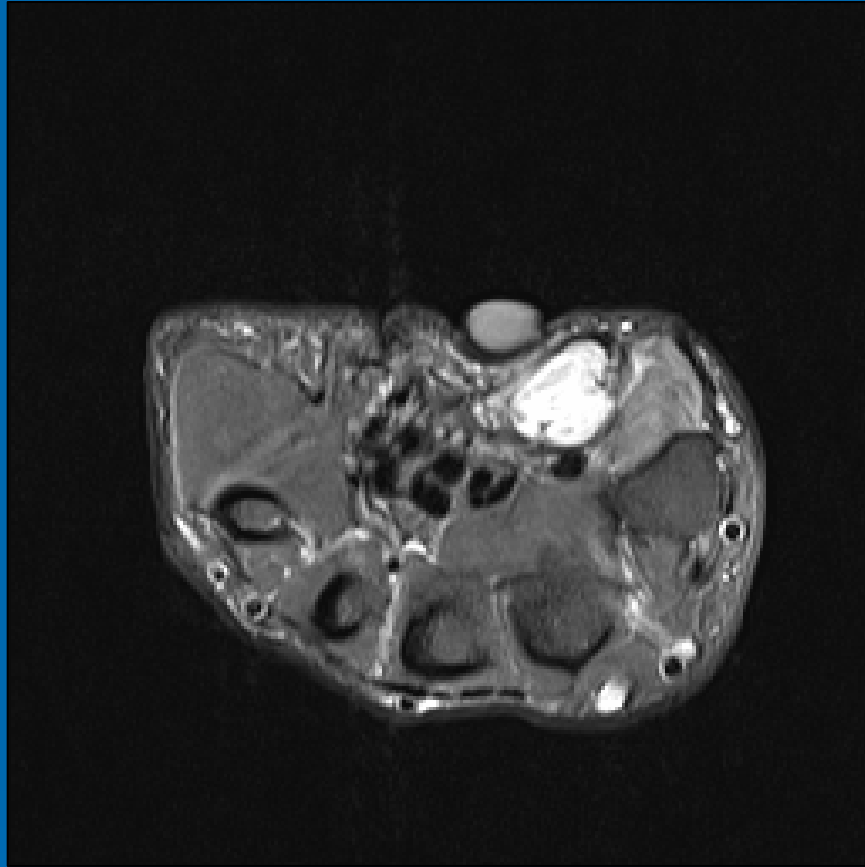


1. Diagnosis?

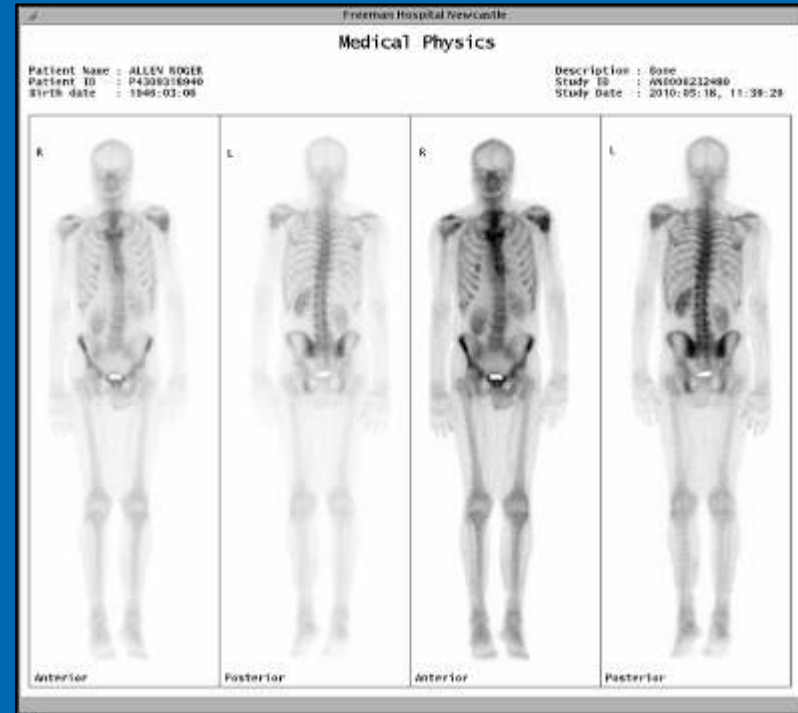
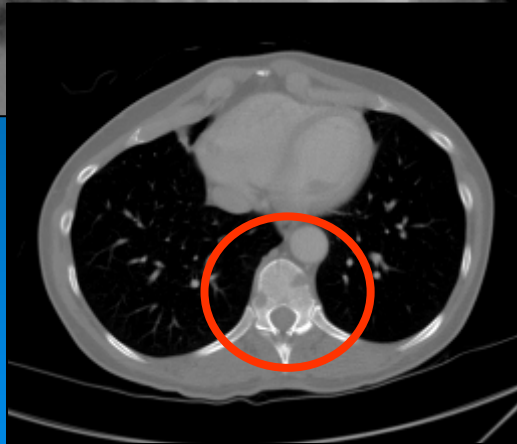
## Same patient with Maffuci's syndrome



1. Diagnosis?



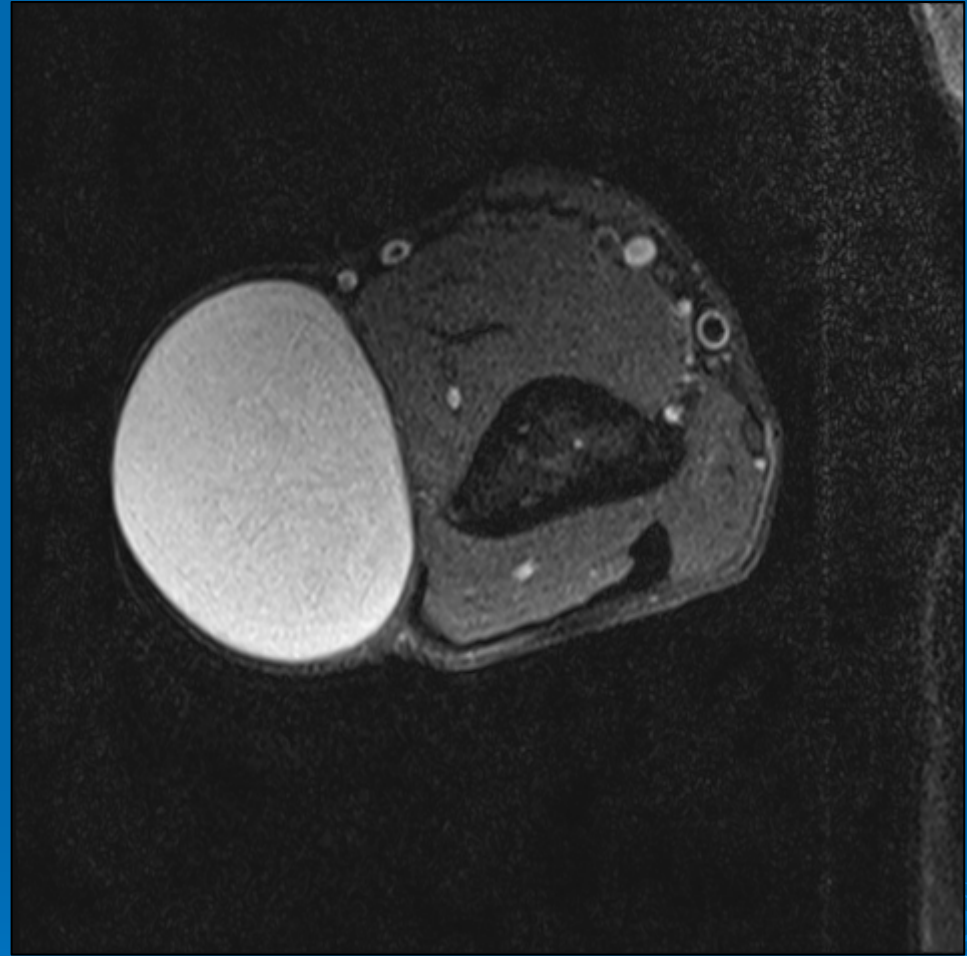
1. Tissue of origin?



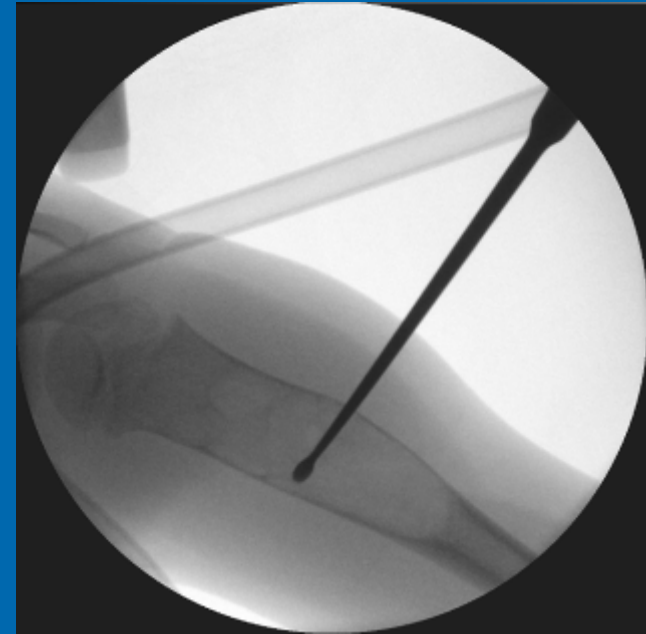
65 year old

1. Diagnosis?

2. Treatment?



1. Benign or Malignant?

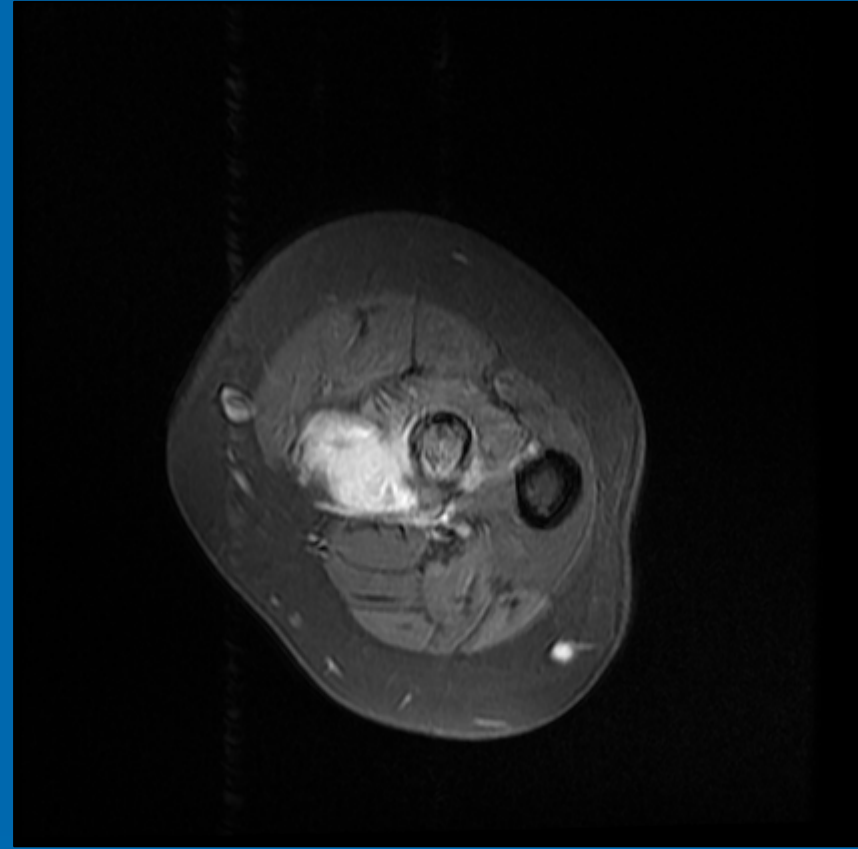
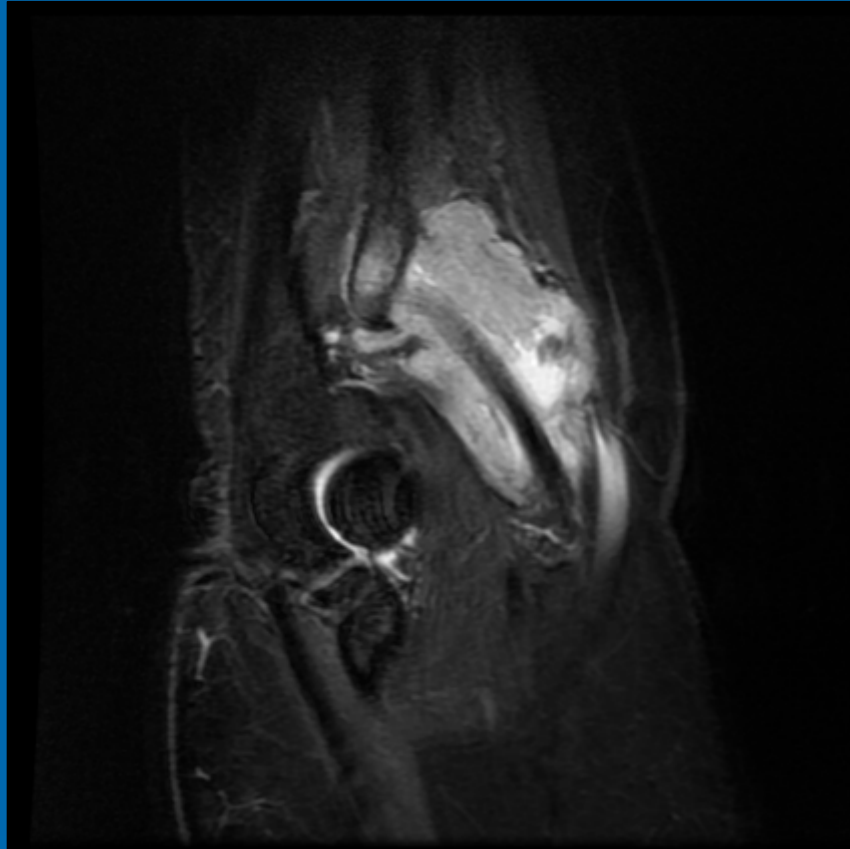


## 1. Diagnosis

32 yo female, acute painful swelling distal forearm

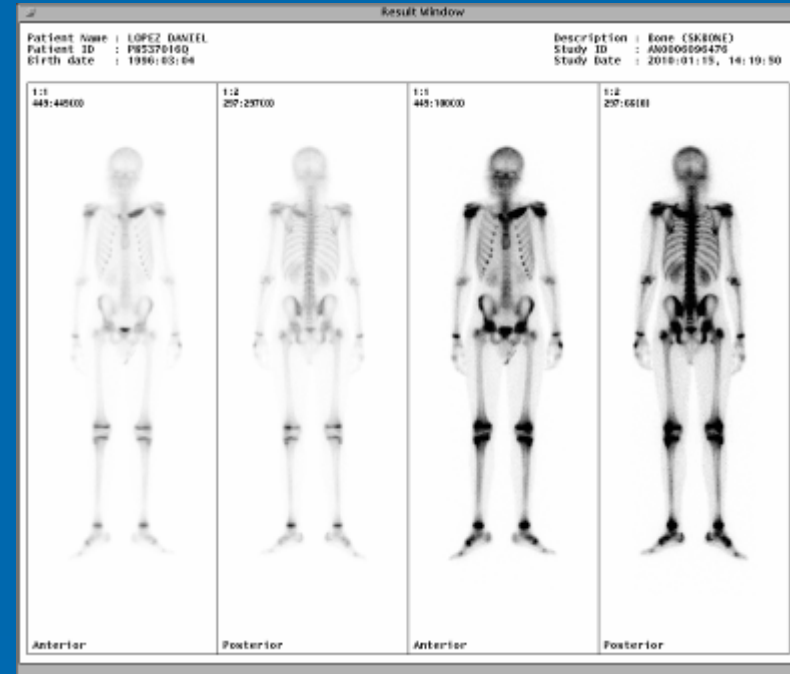
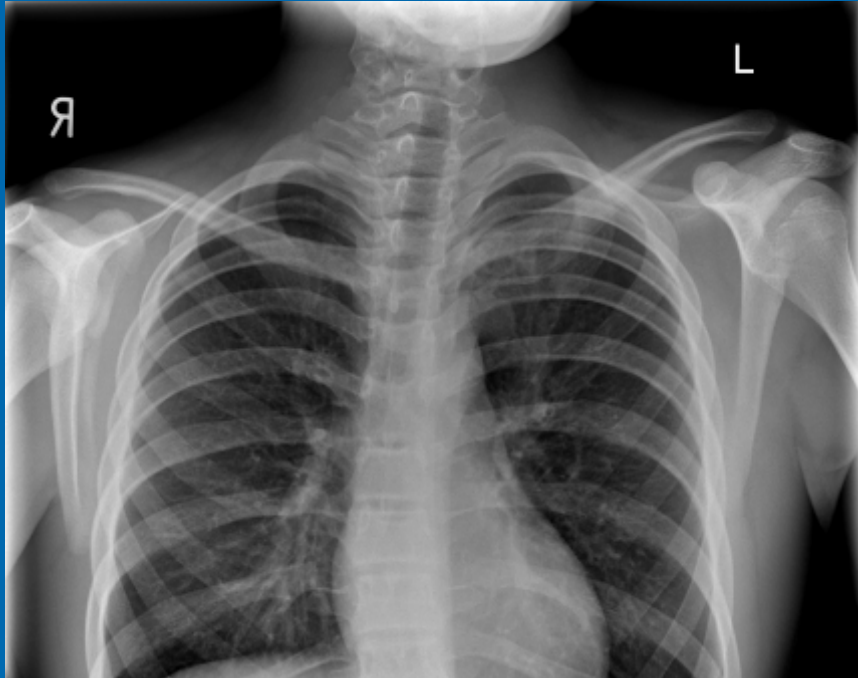


1. Diagnosis?



1. What are we looking at?
2. Diagnosis?

# 15 yo male with medial clavicular swelling and acne



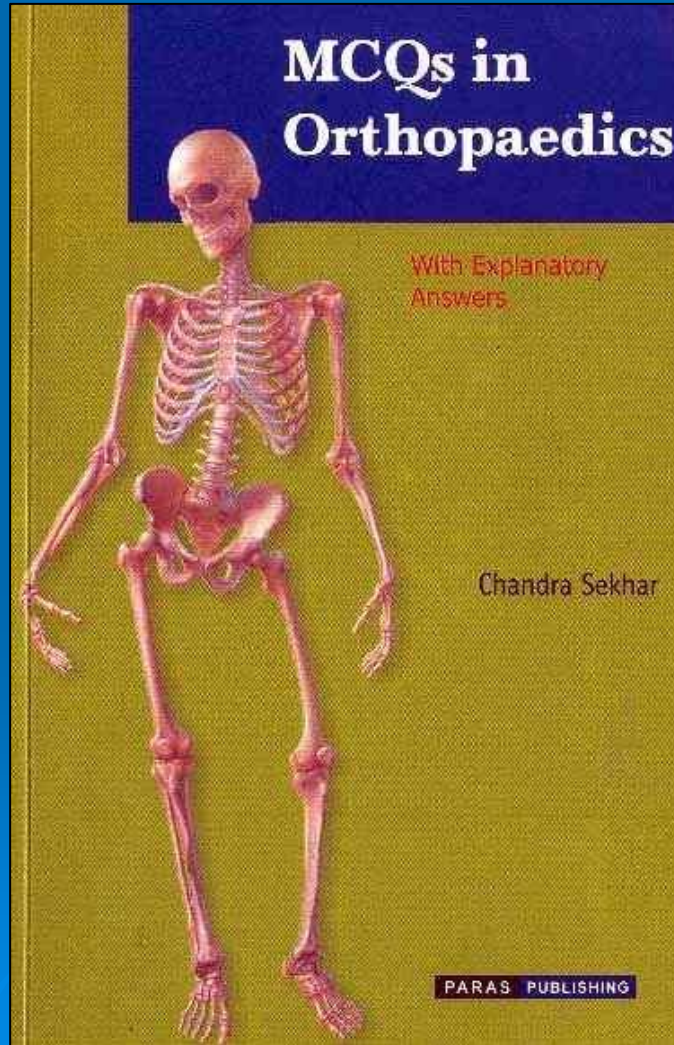
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# Fibromatosis



# MCQ Answers



➤ 1: The most common primary tumour that occurs in the bones of the hand is which of the following?

- A. Intraosseous ganglion
- B. Giant cell tumour
- C. Chondrosarcoma
- D. **Enchondroma**
- E. Epithelioid sarcoma

➤ 2: Which is the most common primary tumour that results in metastatic lesions in the hand?

- A. Lung
- B. Breast
- C. Prostate
- D. Multiple myeloma
- E. Thyroid

- 3: What is the most common malignant tumour of the hand?
- A. Epithelioid sarcoma
  - B. Chondrosarcoma
  - C. Osteosarcoma
  - D. Basal cell carcinoma
  - E. **Squamous cell carcinoma**

- 4: What is the most common soft tissue sarcoma of the hand?
  - A. Alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma
  - B. Synovial sarcoma
  - C. **Epithelioid sarcoma**
  - D. Malignant fibrous histiocytoma
  - E. Soft tissue osteosarcoma

➤ 5: Which flaps are most useful for reconstruction of full-thickness shoulder defects following tumour resection from the shoulder area?

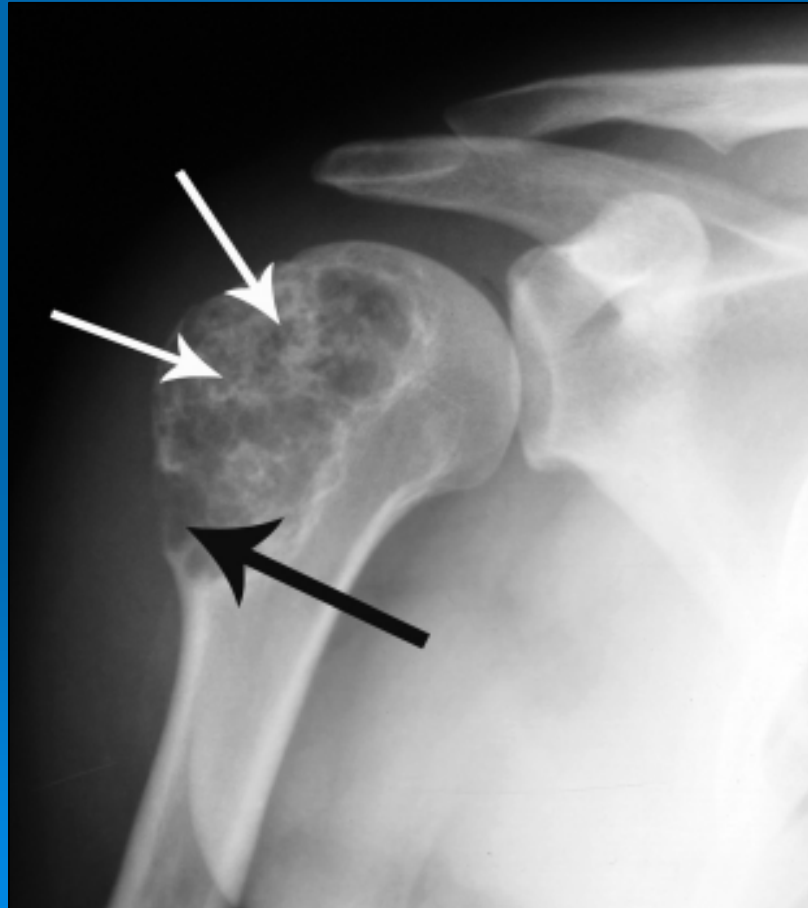
- A. **Latissimus dorsi and pectoralis major**
- B. Trapezius and pectoralis major
- C. Latissimus dorsi and pectoralis minor
- D. Trapezius and latissimus dorsi
- E. Free gracilis

➤ 6: What type of matrix is being formed by this tumour?

**Chondroid**

➤ 7: What is the term for this radiological appearance?

**Popcorn calcification**



➤ 8: An 8-year old boy presents with a high grade osteosarcoma of the humerus. There is a large extraosseous soft tissue mass associated with the tumour. According to the Enneking system, how should this tumour be classified?

- A. IA
- B. IB
- C. IIA
- D. **IIB**
- E. III

➤ 9: Which chromosomal translocation would you expect to see in the previous case of Ewings sarcoma?

- A. 9:18
- B. 11:22
- C. 1:20
- D. 3:9
- E. 21:23

➤ 10: A 59-year old woman with metastatic breast carcinoma presents with acute, symptomatic hypercalcaemia. Which of the following is not a potential symptom or sign of hypercalcaemia?

- A. Coma
- B. **Chvostek sign**
- C. Shortened QT interval
- D. Hyporeflexia
- E. Polydipsia

- 11: The radiographic appearances listed below are all consistent with a diagnosis of giant cell tumour except?
- A. It has an eccentric location
  - B. It has a permeative border
  - C. It abuts the subchondral bone of the articular surface
  - D. **It has a bone forming matrix**
  - E. It occurs in the epiphyseal region

- 12: When performing an incisional biopsy of a suspected malignant musculoskeletal neoplasm of the proximal humerus, the surgeon should adhere to all of the following except?
- A. Biopsy should be performed through muscle rather than through intermuscular planes
  - B. Neurovascular bundles should not be exposed during the procedure
  - C. **The incision should be transverse**
  - D. The biopsy should be performed at the institution where the definitive operation will be performed rather than at the referring centre
  - E. The approach should not violate a compartment that is not already occupied by the lesion

- 13: What radiological appearance is demonstrated below?

**Codman's triangle**



