

STERNAL CHONDROSSARCOMA

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A 28 year old woman presented a painless pre-sternal mass since childhood. At 25 years old, after pregnancy, the mass turned painful and started growing.

A percutaneous biopsy diagnosed osteochondroma (Figure 1).

She underwent partial sternectomy (Figure 2 a) and closure of the sternal defect with a Marlex mesh (Figure 2 b).

Histology revealed grade 1 chondrossarcoma with free surgical margins.

After 8 months she is free from recurrence.



Figure 1

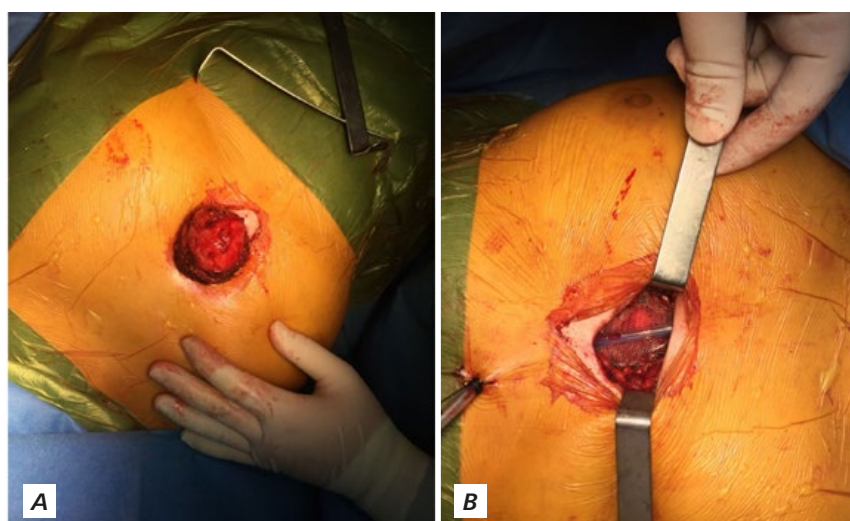


Figure 2