

Chronic Tenosynovitis of Extensors of Hand

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ABSTRACT

Twenty percent cases of tuberculosis usually present as musculoskeletal tuberculosis with 10% amongst those involving hand and wrist. The common musculoskeletal sites of tuberculosis include hip, spine and knee. This case presented as ganglion like soft tissue mass (3cm*2cms) on the dorsum of the wrist joint. The patient first noticed swelling 3 months back which had been increasing in size gradually thereby causing pain, tenderness and limited range of motion. With an impression of a ganglion cyst-like soft tissue mass, the patient underwent surgical excision and the pathological report indicated tuberculosis and anti-tubercular treatment was started. Although the case described here is rare, preoperative evaluation and investigations can help considerably. Additionally, postoperative pathology can help define tuberculosis as medical treatment plays vital role in the treatment of tuberculosis.