



Inconspicuous Swelling of Great Magnitude

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Clinical Image

Nine months ago, a 77 years-old male patient recognized a swelling at his right thigh. First, he thought that it might be due to repeated heparin injections, which were done by the patient himself. Over the time the swelling did not diminish. Therefore, he showed it to his daughter, who consulted a resident doctor with him.

Figure 1 shows the “swelling” after open biopsy. The histopathological diagnosis was leiomyosarcoma. Two weeks later, in-sano resection was achieved. Figure 2 shows the intraoperative situation after resection of the musculus vastus lateralis, musculus biceps femoris and the infiltrated skin. Due to the large extend of resection; the wound was temporary closed by a vacuum-assisted closure. A subsequent plastic coverage was performed after 4 weeks.



Figure 1: Swelling after open biopsy.

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Figure 2: Intraoperative situation after resection.