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Chondroma

Benign cartilaginous tumor, which is encapsulated with a lobular growing pattern.

Tumor cells (chondrocytes, cartilaginous cells) resemble normal cells and produce the cartilaginous matrix (amorphous, basophilic material).

Characteristic features of this tumor include the vascular axes within the tumor, which make the distinction with normal hyaline cartilage.

Based upon location, a chondroma can be described as an enchondroma or ecchondroma.

ecchondroma - grows outward from the bone and this is rare. Treatment - best left alone - if it causes fractures (enchondroma) or is unsightly it should be removed by curettage and the defect filled with bone graft

see Intracranial chondroma.

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