

Primary sternal haemangioma

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A 47-year-old woman presented for evaluation of chest pain. A primary sternal haemangioma was incidentally detected on a computed tomography scan (Figures 1a and b).

Primary sternal tumours are very rare and most of them are malignant tumours. Haemangiomas typically affect soft tissues and when they do involve bone tissue, this is generally the skull or spine. Primary sternal haemangioma has been reported in only a small number of cases. Haemangiomas cause defects in the sternum cortex and may grow extensively (Onat et al, 2008; Fernández-Trujillo et al, 2020). Haemangioma should be considered in the differential diagnosis for sternal masses.

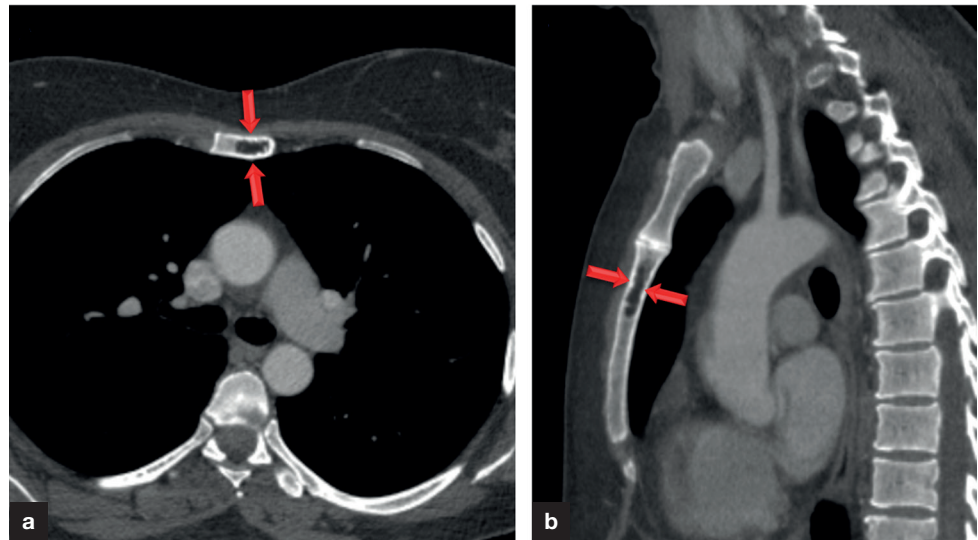


Figure 1. a. Axial and (b) sagittal chest computed tomography scans demonstrating sternal haemangioma (arrows).

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