

CLINICAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Laterocervical abscess after heroin self injection in the neck veins. Cultures of the fluid grew meticillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*. No retained needle fragment was found during the surgical procedure. Long term injection drug users refer in street vernacular as “pocket shot”. The pocket is between the sternal and clavicular heads of the sternocleidomastoid muscle. Such injections are technically more difficult and as a result may be associated with a higher likelihood of needle breakage.



Syphilis gumma at the level of hard palate. Gummas may be identified on the skin, in the mouth, and in the upper respiratory tract. They appear most commonly on the leg just below the knee. Gummas may be multiple or diffuse but usually are solitary lesions that range from less than 1 cm to several centimeters in diameter. Cutaneous gummas are indurated, nodular, papulosquamous or ulcerative lesions that form characteristic circles or arcs.



Orbital pseudo-inflammatory tumor: Young patient 35 years old treated for Wegener's disease (since her teenage), presented with this aspect of orbital swelling and symptoms rhinosinusitis like. Remissions obtained during long term course of oral steroids.

MRI showing the maxilo-ethmoido-fronto-orbital involvement suggestive for tumoral infiltration of the orbit and maxillary sinus and concomitant ethmoido frontal rhinosinusitis.

Negative tests for Wegener's disease!

Surgical procedure: endoscopic ethmoidectomy, frontal drainage and maxillary antrostomy followed by orbital decompression and biopsy from the “orbital tumor”

Patient – 10 days after the operation. Histopathology: orbital pseudo-inflammatory tumor.

Conclusion: The cause is unknown. It most commonly affects young women, although it can still occur at any age. Mild cases may go away without treatment. More severe cases will usually respond to treatment with corticosteroids. Very severe cases may develop damaging pressure on the eye, and require surgical movement of the bones of the orbit to relieve pressure on the eyeball.

