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Deep Calf Cavernous Haemangioma in a 10 Year- Old Girl: A Case Report

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Abstract

Haemangiomas are abnormal proliferation of blood vessels in any vascularised tissue. They can be capillary or cavernous varieties. Cavernous are either of cutaneous or deep types. Cavernous when compared with the capillary haemangioma is rare. Rarer still is the deep type of cavernous haemangioma. This is a report of a 10 year old Nigerian girl who presented with a right posterior leg swelling of 8 year duration, size initially was that of a peanut but increased to fill the entire calf region causing pain to the patient as well as cosmetic and anxiety concern to the parents. No preceding history of trauma, no associated systematic symptoms. She had exploratory laparotomy at 1 year of age at a private hospital for an abdominal mass which was excised. Pre-operative plain radiograph, Magnetic Resonance Imaging(MRI), Abdominopelvic ultrasound scan (USS) were done, fine needle aspiration cytology (FNAC) though done was not helpful. Histo-pathology result of excised leg mass confirmed diagnosis; there was a free margin of excision. Post-operatively, clinical improvement was marked.