





PRIMARY MALIGNANT BONE TUMORS OF THE CHEST WALL

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*Thoracic bone wall tumors are rare, accounting for less than 5% of all bone tumors. They are most often found on the ribs and more rarely on the sternum or clavicle. Surgery plays a key role in their therapeutic management through parietal resection. *Study the medical and surgical management of primary malignant bone tumours of the chest wall. *We report a retrospective study about 19cases of primary malignant bone tumors of the chest wall collected in the thoracic surgery department of Abderrahman Mami Hospital in Ariana over a 25 years-period. *The mean age was 37.2 years, with a with a sex ratio of 0.72. Parietal swelling (n=8) and chest pain (n=13)were the most common symptoms. All cases were unilateral. The tumors were located on the left(n=9) and on the right(n=10). Involvement was in 1rib in 14cases, in 2 ribs in 3cases and in 3ribs in 2cases. Histological types were Chondrosarcoma(n=13), Ewing's sarcoma(n=10), plasmacytoma(n=5), malignant lymphoma(n=2), and malignant histiocytofibroma(n=1). Neoadjuvant chemotherapy was offered in 5patients with Ewing's sarcoma. All patients were operated on. Surgical procedures were a rib resection removing the tumour(n=16) and surgical biopsy(n=3). Adjuvant chemotherapy was indicated in 3patients with Ewing's sarcoma, 2patients with chondrosarcoma and one case of lymphoma. Radiotherapy was adjuvant to surgery in 4 patients. Postoperative occurrences were noted in 3cases. The mean time to recurrence in our series was 13.6months. *Primary malignant bone tumors are dominated by chondrosarcomas, Ewing's sarcomas, and plasmacytomas. A multidisciplinary management is required involving the thoracic surgeon, the plastic surgeon and the radio and chemo therapist.