



RE: Ewing's Sarcoma of the Hip Presenting as a Benign Cystic Lesion, Papagelopoulos, P. J., Mavrogenis, A. F., Benetos, I. S., Papaparaskeva, K., Galanis, E. C., Soucacos, P. N., JSOA 16(2):84–88, 2007

Dear Editor:

I read with interest the article on Ewing sarcoma of the proximal femur resembling bone cyst by Papagelopoulos et al. The paper is well written and the authors made the point. However, this patient had a biopsy in Greece and that concluded the entire treatment that she received in Greece. The patient came to the United States, referred to me at Schneider Children's Hospital in New York, where she underwent the entire chemotherapy treatment and a successful, complex surgical procedure — resection replacement by combined allograft prosthesis — performed by me. In the article, the authors led the reader to believe that the surgical procedure and treatment were performed by the authors. At least they could have acknowledged our successful treatment.

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In Reply

Dear Editor:

We reported a case of Ewing's sarcoma presenting as a benign cystic lesion in the proximal femur of a 14-year-old girl with emphasis on imaging appearance. Biopsy and

molecular analysis performed at our institution confirmed the diagnosis, and a treatment plan has been discussed with the patient and family.

The point of our article was to report the imaging presentation in this patient and to discuss the differential diagnosis and the pathological features of Ewing's sarcoma. We agree with Dr. Samuel Kenan that the patient has been treated elsewhere with chemotherapy, wide tumor resection, and proximal femoral reconstruction using an allograft–prosthesis composite.

The authors would like to acknowledge Dr. Samuel Kenan, Chief of Orthopaedic Oncology, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, New York University–Hospital for Joint Diseases, New York, for his excellent work in treating this patient.

I follow this patient on a regular basis here in Athens between her visits with Dr. Kenan, and I am in contact with Dr. Kenan regarding the patient's clinical and radiological outcome.

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