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Pictorial Review: Subungual and Peri-ungual Tumour and Tumour-like Lesions



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INTRODUCTION

The subungual space and the peri-ungual region form part of the fingertip. This small area of the body is comprised of a few specific tissue types¹. Mass lesions at this area can range from asymptomatic incidental findings, nail pain to visible deformity. Cross-sectional imaging is commonly needed for pre-operative characterization. This exhibit aim to highlight the radiological features of a few common lesions and their rare mimic in this area.

RESULTS

(1) Glomus Tumour

Homogeneous T1W iso-intense, T2W hyper-intense Pressure erosion of distal phalanx, no marrow edema



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(2) Osteochondroma

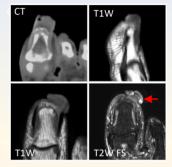
Osseous protrusion points away from joint Cortical and medullary continuity

T2W hyper-intense cartilage cap (red arrow)



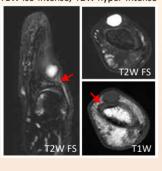
3 Eccrine Poroma

T1W hypo-intense,
T2W heterogeneous (red arrow)
Pedunculated from anterior nailbed

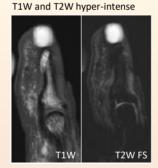


4 Ganglion cyst

Posterior nail fold, relating to extensor tendon insertion (red arrow) T1W iso-intense, T2W hyper-intense

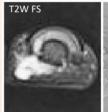


(5) Epidermoid cyst Midline anterior nail bed

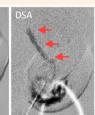


(6) Vascular malformation

Irregular serpiginous T2W hyper-intense structure Connect with digital arteries (red arrow), demonstrated with DSA by percutaneous contrast injection



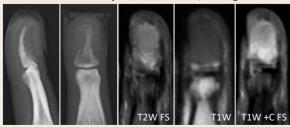




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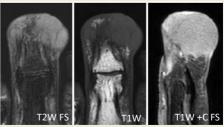
(7) Pseudomyogenic haemangioendothelioma

T1W intermediate, T2W slightly hyper-intense, mild enhancement Wide transition zone subjacent bone erosion, mimic glomus tumour



8 Squamous cell carcinoma

T1W intermediate, T2W slightly hyper-intense, mild enhancement, and frank bone destruction



CONCLUSION

Fingertips are highly functional structures in our body. The nail, subungual and peri-ungual regions are a small yet complex area in these structures where variable pathologies can arise. Familiarizing with the multi-modality imaging features hopefully allows reasonable diagnosis or categorization of lesions, to guide management approach.

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