IN GOOD HANDS

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Luckily for the patient and the surgeon hand tumors very rarely malignant.

The most common masses in the hands are ganglions, cysts, giant cell tumors, and lipomas.

**Case #1: Giant cell tumor**

It was removed under loupe magnification to ensure complete and excision and avoid recurrence.

**Case #2: Lipoma**

**Case #3: Enchondroma**

An enchondroma is a tumor of cartilage origin. Some believe that it is an embryonic vestigial cartilage that is left inside the bone and continues on growing.

In this x-ray the enchondroma has caused a pathologic fracture.

**Case #4: Carpal Boss**

A carpal boss is a mass that is distal to the usual location of the dorsal wrist ganglion (green arrow). It originates from a vestigial bone. Bony spurs appear from the Trapezoid, Capitate and the index and middle fingers metacarpals. Because the spurs are devoid of cartilage friction results in pain.

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