

Soft-tissue case 48. Presentation

A 54-year-old woman was seen, complaining of pain in the right flank that had been present for 8 months. Eventually a tender mass had developed, and she was referred with a possible diagnosis of sarcoma. Her medical history was unremarkable, but her surgical history included a laparoscopic cholecystectomy 12 months earlier and a hysterectomy 8 months previously. Physical examination confirmed a slightly tender mass in the right flank at the level of the 11th rib. Ultrasonography showed fullness with some edema around the muscle planes but no other abnormalities. After the initial consultation she underwent computed tomography (Fig. 1).

Can you answer the following questions: What is the differential diagnosis? What is the diagnosis? What is the best treatment.

For the answers and a discussion see page 469.



FIG. 1.

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