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Image Gallery: Primary cutaneous chest-wall osteosarcoma, an extraordinary entity

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DEAR EDITOR, A 33-year-old man presented with a 10-year history of a slowly growing chest nodule. He denied any trauma or irradiation. Physical examination revealed a 9 × 6-cm petrous, multinodular mass with ulcerated areas (a). Skin biopsy showed a high-grade sarcoma with foci of osteoid differentiation (b). A computed tomography scan demonstrated no skeletal involvement (c). Chemotherapy was ineffective; therefore, surgical excision was performed. Anatomopathological examination confirmed a primary cutaneous osteosarcoma. The patient, in his fifth month of follow-up, has no recurrence. Primary cutaneous osteosarcoma is exceptionally rare and has a very poor prognosis; 1,2 this is the 19th case in the literature and the first in the anterior thorax.

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