HEMANGIOMA OF THE FINGERTIP

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ABSTRACT: This article describes a case of hemangioma of the fingertip that the patient said had been treated previously without success. A satisfactory result was achieved after using a V-Y pedicle flap.

Introduction

Various reports have described vascular lesions and hemangiomas in the hand. None of these, however, has described a lesion in the distal pulp of the finger with a striking appearance that was seen in this case.

Case Report

A 28-year-old married woman said that she had a lesion of some sort on the tip of her index finger eight weeks previously. Her local physician had attempted to remove this surgically with a not very extensive procedure. I did not see the patient at that time, and have only the patient's record that the attempted ablation of the lesion did not succeed. The lesion remained and, in fact, became somewhat larger (Fig. 1).

The lesion was excised utilizing a transversely oriented elliptical incision. The resected tissue consisted of 0.75 cm of the distal pulp of the involved finger. Closure was accomplished by advancement of a V-Y pedicle flap (Fig. 2). The patient was quite pleased with the final cosmetic and functional result. When the patient was seen last, three months after surgical excision of the lesion, there was no evidence of local recurrence.

References


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