

Hand/Upper Extremity Soft Tissue Mass Excision Information Sheet

General indications for the procedure:

Excision of a mass is a surgical procedure where the soft tissue mass is removed and sent to Pathology for analysis.

Description of Procedure:

An incision is made in the area where the soft tissue mass is present. Whenever possible, the important structures around the mass are protected and the mass is removed with attempts to remove it in its entirety. The procedure is done under regional or general anesthetic.

Risks of the Procedure:

The risks are infection of the surgical site, recurrence of the tumor, incomplete tumor removal in cases of malignancy or wound healing problems necessitating additional procedures or special procedures including flaps and skin grafts.

Procedure Alternatives, if any:

The alternative is to not take out the mass or take it out with a smaller procedure that would increase the risk of it recurring.

Probable Consequences of Refusing Procedure:

Probable consequences of refusing the procedure would be progressive growth of the mass, which if malignant can lead to death.

Person(s) Performing the Procedure:

The person performing the procedure will be the attending physician with the assistance of the Resident staff. The portions of the procedure performed by the Resident staff will be under the direct supervision of the attending surgeon and based on their level of competency.