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Hand Wrist and Elbow Surgeon
Protocol
Pyogenic Granuloma

Problem

- Mushrooming swelling coming from a site of injury

Cause

- Over-exuberant growth of granulation tissue secondary to trauma.

Diagnosis

- The cutaneous swelling is usually easily diagnosed by simple inspection and history.

Treatment

- Quite often this can settle with silver nitrate sticks which burn away the granulation tissue and dampen the inflammatory response.
- Surgery – failing non operative measures, the granuloma can be surgically excised, moving the small stalk of skin around the base of the wound, with either direct closure or if the area is large, consider a small skin graft.

Potential Complications

- Infection, haematoma, stiffness, a small chance of recurrence

Post Op Care

- Day surgery,
- Supportive bandage for ten days
- Wound check and chasing of histology at ten days
- Skin grafts would require protection for ten days to three weeks