

Epiphyseal lesion of the humerus in a child

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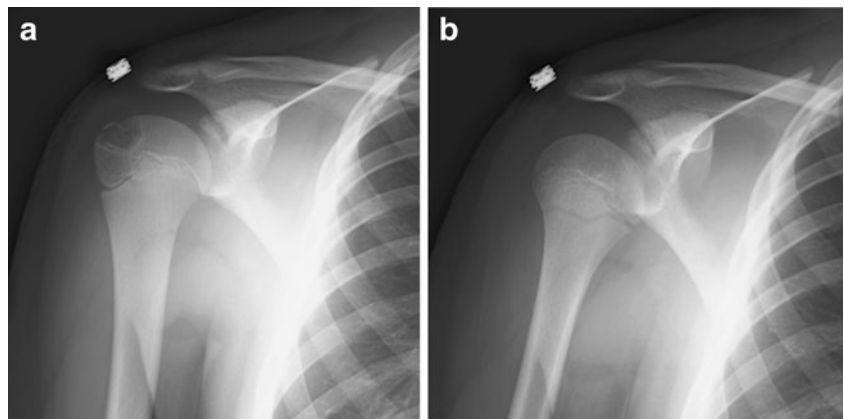
A 13-year-old boy presented with a one-and-a-half-month history of right shoulder pain that was precipitated by a competitive wrestling episode during which he felt a “cracking” sensation. The patient did not seek immediate medical attention and was treated at home with a sling, ice, and ibuprofen. After incomplete pain relief radiographs were

obtained (Fig. 1). Past medical history was unremarkable. Physical examination revealed a right upper extremity that had no muscular asymmetry, normal neurological and vascular function, and normal motor function with a full range of shoulder motion in all planes and axes.

A magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan followed by open biopsy were performed (Figs. 2 and 3).

What is the diagnosis?

Fig. 1 AP-external rotation (a) and AP-internal rotation (b) radiographs of the right proximal humerus



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Fig. 2 **a** T1-weighted coronal image (repetition time/echo time, 734/21). **b** T2-weighted coronal image with fat suppression (repetition time/echo time, 5,320/78)

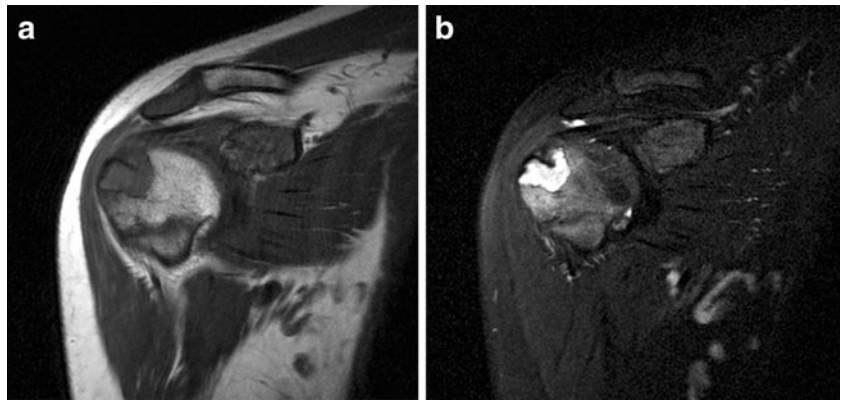


Fig. 3 Low-power ($\times 4$, H&E) histological image (**a**); low-power ($\times 20$, H&E) histological image (**b**)

