

Angiosarcoma

The soft tissue angiosarcoma is an extremely rare soft tissue tumor, accounting for less than one per cent of all sarcomas. It is usually a cutaneous lesion that affects males more often than females. It can be deeply located, often in the upper extremities of women who have had chronic lymphodema following radical breast surgery and radiation therapy. The high-grade angiosarcoma is not a very bloody tumor and does not have the typical vascular spaces seen in benign vascular tumors or low-grade intermediate angiosarcomas. The prognosis for high-grade angiosarcoma is very poor, especially for older people, and the treatment usually consists of wide local resection and postoperative radiation therapy.