

## **Hemangiopericytoma**

The hemangiopericytoma of bone is an extremely rare tumor arising from the hemangiopericytes of Zimmerman, smooth muscle contractile cells that lie outside of the capillary tubes of the vascular system peripherally and control the flow of blood to peripheral tissue. Hemangiopericytomas can range from very low-grade tumors, such as the glomus tumor seen in the distal phalanges of young adults, to the more aggressive, malignant hemangiopericytoma seen in the more proximal parts of the body, such as the pelvis, spine or femur. The latter can behave like a sarcoma and metastasize to the lung. There have only been a few cases of this tumor in large bones reported in the literature.