

Pseudocyst of the auricle



Figure 1: A solitary, cystic, non-inflammatory swelling on the right ear

A 22-year-old woman presented with a gradually progressive, asymptomatic swelling on the right ear for 4 weeks. There was no antecedent history of trauma. Clinical examination showed a solitary, cystic, non-inflammatory, non-tender, 3 × 3 cm swelling located in the scaphoid fossa [Figure 1]. Aspiration of the swelling showed clear serous fluid.

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Pseudocyst of the auricle is a relatively rare condition in which serous fluid accumulates between intracartilaginous spaces of the ear manifesting as a painless, fluctuant swelling. Treatment options include needle aspiration, incision and drainage, pressure dressing (with or without button bolsters), compression suture therapy, intralesional administration of tincture of iodine, curettage and fibrin glue, systemic corticosteroid therapy and intralesional corticosteroid therapy.

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