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Giant chest wall tumor

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A 72-year-old male with a huge tumor of the left chest wall (Fig. 1), dramatically increased during the last 6 months, is reported. Radical resection included the five lower ribs, the diaphragm, the left rectus and oblique abdominal muscles. Pathology showed a 23-kg malignant chondrosarcoma (Fig. 2).

Fig. 1. Preoperative MRI showing the extent of the tumor compressing the heart and left lung.

Fig. 2. Surgical specimen of the tumor resected.