

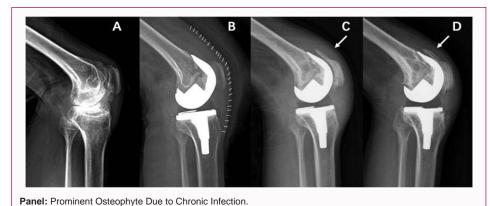
Prominent Osteophyte Due to Chronic Infection

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Clinical Image

A 44-year-old man presented with chronic left knee discomfort and sinus tract. About two years before the presentation, he underwent total knee arthroplasty (Smith & Nephew, Genesis-II) for both knees because of hemophilic arthritis with flexion deformity. Panel A shows the preoperative lateral plain radiograph of left knee, and Panel B is the postoperative radiograph. About 9 months after surgery, he came to the clinic without any complain while plain radiograph showed that a prominent osteophyte on left patella (Panel C, arrow). Another 9 months later, he presented to the clinic with chronic left knee discomfort and his plain radiograph showed the osteophyte became larger (Panel D, arrow). Laboratory studies revealed elevated Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate (ESR) and C- Reactive Protein (CRP). Repeated arthrocentesis and synovial fluid culture confirmed it as Escherichia coli infection (extended-spectrum beta-lactamase negative). After the failure of antibiotic therapy indicated by the drug sensibility test, he underwent debridement and revision on one stage.



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