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Massive Pseudotumors that Occur Around Implanted Devices.

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Much change and progress has occurred in the design of implanted devices used for degenerative change as well as in limb salvage surgery. In addition to aseptic loosening of components, other complications including likely hypersensitivity reactions and the formation of so-called pseudotumors are known to occur, especially with metal on metal bearings. These can be quite large and destructive, often described as being “sarcoma-like”, and management can be challenging. The spectrum of changes including typical wear, hypersensitivity, and the formation of large pseudotumors is discussed.

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