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Pseudopubertas praecox and the tumor rupture

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As I have wished since I started medical studies, I started working at the Department of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology in the largest Czech hospital (Motol, Prague) after my graduation. I have spent some time in our lab already during the studies to get closer to the laboratory methods used in paediatric haematology. The clinical medicine felt a bit more rewarding in the end, though I am still thinking about research work. I have been rotating for two years through the different parts of our department and I got a feeling that we have protocols for the majority of children with malignancies, still there are quite many "challenging cases" off-protocol. Thus it was not difficult to pick one to bring it here.

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