

**CODE:** T1200 F2623/1

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**DIAGNOSIS:** GOUTY FINGER.

**CLINICAL HISTORY:** M/74. Amputation of this left index finger was performed because it became useless and chronically painful.

**MACROSCOPIC:** The middle metatarsal joint has been destroyed by the gouty process and chalky white deposits of ammonium urate (“uric acid”) crystals can be seen in the contiguous bone and subcutaneous tissue on both dorsal and ventral aspects. A sinus leading down to the tophus can be seen on the reverse.

**MICROSCOPIC:** The bundles of needle shaped urate crystals which lay in the proteinaceous background have been dissolved out. The surrounding zone of histiocytes and foreign body giant cells are typical of a gouty tophus.

