

levels [110 pg/ml] in comparison to his levels on presentation. Repeat imaging revealed a decrease in tumor burden including bilateral adrenal nodules, celiac axis mass and hepatic metastases.

Conclusion:

This is an unusual case of malignant pheochromocytoma in the absence of SDHB mutation in a patient with BWS. Genetic causes in these patients are yet to be determined. However, genes H19 and KCNQ10T1 have been implicated in addition to IGF-2 and CDK1NC

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THYROID CANCER CASE REPORTS I

A Retrospective Diagnosis of Malignant Struma Ovarii After Discovery of Pulmonary Metastases

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Background: Malignant struma ovarii is a rare ovarian tumor that is histologically identical to differentiated thyroid carcinoma.¹ We present a case of a struma ovarii that was recognized as being malignant only after the discovery of pulmonary metastases.

Clinical Case: A 29 year old female presented to the hospital with acute right lower abdominal pain, suspicious for ovarian torsion. She underwent urgent right salpingoophorectomy and pathology demonstrated a mature cystic teratoma with benign struma ovarii. Two years later, a CT of the abdomen incidentally revealed bilateral pulmonary nodules. Review of the imaging showed that these pulmonary nodules were also present two years prior, and had since become larger. Video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery was performed and lung biopsy was positive for well-differentiated thyroid carcinoma. The patient then underwent total thyroidectomy which revealed a 0.3 x 0.3 cm infiltrative papillary thyroid cancer, follicular variant, without lymphovascular invasion. Thyroglobulin level decreased from 169 ng/mL pre-operatively to 80 ng/mL post-operatively, but then continued to be variable ranging from 56 to 252 ng/mL (1.6-50 ng/mL). Thyroglobulin antibodies remained negative.

Pathology from right ovary was re-reviewed at a second institution and found to be consistent with highly differentiated thyroid carcinoma with characteristic nuclear features of papillary thyroid carcinoma.

A diagnostic whole body I-131 scan showed uptake within the thyroid bed, bilateral lung nodules, left distal thigh and right mid thigh. These thigh lesions were not visualized on lower extremity ultrasound. After dosimetry was performed, the patient received radioactive iodine-131 200 mCi. Post-therapy scan six days later demonstrated uptake in the thyroid bed, bilateral lungs and bilateral thighs. About five months later, thyroglobulin level had decreased to 0.4 ng/mL with a suppressed TSH. A repeat CT chest demonstrated that the lung nodules had all decreased in size, largest from 0.5 cm to 0.3 cm.

Conclusion: Careful examination of struma ovarii pathology should be performed to evaluate for malignant

features since benign appearing histology can present diagnostic difficulty.² In this case, thyroglobulin level was lower than reported in previous cases; however, sites of metastases were responsive to radioactive iodine therapy indicating well differentiated disease and a favorable prognosis.

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THYROID DISORDERS CASE REPORTS III

Thyroid Abscess in a Healthy 22-Year Old Female

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Background: Thyroid abscess is a rare pathology, exhibiting an incidence of less than 1% of all thyroid diseases. The thyroid is highly resilient against infections. Those who do experience thyroid abscesses are commonly immunocompromised. We illustrate a case of a thyroid abscess in a young, healthy patient.

Clinical Case: A previously healthy 22-year-old woman presented to the emergency department complaining of a sore throat, fever, nausea, and body aches. On exam, the patient was febrile, but had no obvious cervical lymphadenopathy, masses, or oropharyngeal lesions/growths. Initial labs showed leukocytosis to 13.5 k/ul with left-shift. The patient was diagnosed with acute pharyngitis, and was discharged on oral steroids and antibiotics for an incidental urinary tract infection.

After some improvement, the patient returned to the ED 14 days later with a worsening odynophagia, dysphagia, and hematemesis. The patient was afebrile, but had neck swelling and possible thyromegaly. Lab results showed leukocytosis to 17.3 k/ul, and CT of the neck identified a 3.1cm x 3.3cm x 4.4cm heterogeneous cystic/solid mass that nearly completely replaced the normal right thyroid lobe parenchyma and extended to the isthmus. Right-sided lymphadenopathy was also present. Initial evaluation suggested thyroid carcinoma. The patient was re-initiated on steroids due previous improvement, and was referred to a tertiary academic medical center for biopsy and further evaluation. 2 days later, the patient returned to the ED for worsening symptoms. However, she was discharged to home with no further management.

At her endocrine surgery consultation visit, the patient reported worsening pain, inability to move her neck, inability to eat or drink, inability to lie flat, and new-onset sialorrhea and voice changes. A bedside ultrasound was performed with findings suggestive of an abscess. An in-office fine-needle aspiration produced purulent fluid, which relieved some of