

Total mastectomy for phyllodes malignant tumor in an elderly patient

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Abstract

Phyllodes tumors are rare neoplasms accounting for less than 1% of all breast malignancies. Under this generic name more histopathological subgroups are included. Malignant phyllodes tumors represent less than a quart of all phyllodes tumors and are associated with a more aggressive biological behaviour with a higher tendency to both local and distant metastases. One of the most important prognostic factors in order to increase the overall survival in these cases remains a wide excision of the primary tumor. We present a case of a 69 years old patient diagnosed with a large tumor deforming the left breast in whom the results of the puncture-biopsy revealed a Phyllodes malignant tumor. A total mastectomy was performed.

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