



DERMATOLOGICAL SURGERY

A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING: SUPERFICIAL BCC ON THE DISTAL NOSE

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Introduction: After 20 years of Mohs surgical procedures on the distal nose it appears to be the superficial disease that is more difficult to get rid of than infiltrative disease

Objective: A retrospective review of all cases requiring 3 or more stage of Mohs on the distal nose to enquire as to the pathology present at the final stage.

Methods and Materials: Our Mohs database was interrogated for all cases of distal nose BCCs back to 2010. Slides from each case were examined by two of the authors to decide on BCC subtype present in the slides.

Results: There were 106 cases. 82% were primary. The same number of stages was required to clear superficial BCC as infiltrative BCC. Over 50% of cases showed superficial BCC in the final stage.

Conclusions: Superficial BCC is over-represented in the final stage during removal of BCC from the distal nose

