



SKIN CANCER (OTHER THAN MELANOMA)

« HISTORICAL » BASAL CELL CARCINOMA : A NEGLECTED TUMOR.

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Background: So-called « historical » tumors or neglected tumors, are voluminous and long-lasting tumors.

They are rare and pose a prognostic and therapeutic problem, requiring a carcinological excision that can be dilapidating.

We report the case of a neglected basal cell carcinoma.

Observation: This is a 64-year-old patient, smoking, with no family history of cancer. He had a 21-year-old lesion next to the right clavicle, slowly increasing in size and progressing to ulceration.

The consultation was motivated by the appearance of functional signs such as pain, bleeding and functional impotence.

The general condition was maintained despite a recent weight loss of 7 kg.

The clinical examination showed a tumor next to the right supraclavicular fossa, measuring 20x15cm. It was a large ulcerated and hemorrhagic plaque, pigmented in some places, with a pearly border.

Lymph nodes were free and the rest of the examination showed no abnormality.

MRI showed a lesion of the soft tissues without muscle involvement.

Histology concluded to a basal cell carcinoma.

The extension assessment was without anomalies.

The patient received a first session of dynamic phototherapy with a good initial evolution, but never came back.

Key message: The interest of our observation lies in the rarity of the historical tumors and their consequences. In our case, consultation delay was made possible by the absence of functional signs and the initially slow tumor growth. Our patient is exposed to a risk of local recurrence and a metastatic risk, for a usually mild tumor. We proposed to him dynamic phototherapy to avoid the use of a mutilating carcinological excision, but the patient was not observant. While early management is associated with good prognosis and mild treatment, these neglected tumors have a poor prognosis.

