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View from beneath: pathology in focus. Synovial sarcoma of hypopharynx.

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Abstract

Synovial sarcoma of the hypopharynx is a rare neoplasm. To date only 23 cases of synovial sarcoma of the hypopharynx have been reported in the literature. An additional case in an 18-year-old male is presented. This is the first case of synovial sarcoma in the hypopharynx to be reported in Singapore. The presentation was that of a mass in the hypopharynx; progressive dysphagia, intermittent hoarseness and gradual airway compromise. A CT scan was valuable in determining the site of origin and extent of the lesion. Histopathology was diagnostic. Treatment comprised of wide surgical excision of the tumour and post-operative radiotherapy.

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