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Rectal adenocarcinoma metastasis to the facial skin - case report

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Summary

Introduction. Carcinoma of the large intestine is a common and relatively well known neoplastic malignancy of the digestive tract. In a very few cases its spread seems unpredictable and can cause a distant metastasis to head and neck region. **Material and methods.** A 58 years old patient was admitted to the ENT Department because of an exulcerated tumour mass of the left mental and buccal region. 9 months earlier he underwent anterior resection of rectum due to carcinoma. Histopathological examination of specimen from the facial skin lesion revealed adenocarcinoma cells. Radiological findings suggested isolated character of lesion. The patient was treated by surgery and chemotherapy. Wide excision of tumour mass with partial mandibulectomy was performed and the tissue defect reconstructed with a pectoralis major musculocutaneous flap. A postoperative chemotherapy with FA and 5-FU followed the surgical procedure. Regardless of the first promising results of the oncological treatment the patient died eight months later. **Results and conclusions.** We present this case report as an example of an unusual and rare secondary malignancy of head and neck, emphasizing the interdisciplinary character of oncological treatment and the role of oncological vigilance on every step of diagnosis.