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A case of infiltrative basal cell carcinoma sustaining the necessity of the thorough clinicopathological correlation


Statement of the Problem: Despite, the advances in modern scientific medicine and inevitable emergence of the newest diagnostic approaches in Dermatology, many specialists continue experiencing difficulties in diagnosing T-cell skin lymphomas. There are several reasons for this uncertainty which should be thoroughly analyzed. Due to the variety of clinical forms and manifestations and frequent resemblance of cutaneous T-cell lymphomas to the different benign dermatoses, the precise diagnosis is often delayed for months and even years. Histopathological features of the discussed malignancy are also vague and subtle in many cases, especially at the early stages, which add confusion to the diagnostic process. In addition, the lack of communication between Pathologists and Dermatologists might contribute to the substantial delays in making the right diagnosis as well. The influence of such delays on patients' outcomes cannot be overestimated, since the late diagnosing and misdiagnosing lead to the implementation of

the inappropriate treatment regimens and significantly reduce their chances for the positive outcomes. The purpose of my speech is to share my own clinical experience and challenges encountered on the way to the diagnosis of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, as well as to analyze the possible barriers to the timely diagnosis and the ways for their potential resolution.

Speaker Biography

Svetlana Gradova has completed her graduation from Belarusian State Medical University in 2003 (Major: General Medicine). In 2007, she has graduated from Belarusian Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education (Major: Dermatovenereology). She was employed with City Clinical Skin and Venereal Diseases Clinic (Minsk, Belarus) as a Dermatologist for several years. From 2013, she has been taking a full-time course in the clinical residency at the Department of Dermatology, Belarusian Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education. She has published several papers in reputed local and international journals. She currently resides in Toronto, ON, Canada. Her scope of interests includes but not limited to the neoplastic skin disorders with the emphasis on the clinicopathological correlation.

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