

## SOLID PSEUDOPAPILLARY NEOPLASM OF THE PANCREAS - CASE REPORT OF A RARE TUMOUR

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**S**olid pseudopapillary neoplasm of the pancreas represents a rare form of pancreatic tumour. It is frequently found in young women. SPEN it is considered a border-line tumour, with low grade malignant potential and with curable outcome if complete surgical resection is performed. We present a case of a 26 years old woman admitted in our unit for progressive epigastric pain radiating to the left hypocondrium, with no relationship to food or bowel movements. Laboratory findings, including tumour markers were in normal range. Imaging findings (CT and MRI) revealed a voluminous tumoral mass (11/12 centimetres) located in the body and tail of pancreas with extension to the splenic hilum, amprenting the posterior gastric wall and left kidney hilum, highly suggestive for solid pseudopapillary tumour of the pancreas, confirmed by the EUS-FNA. We performed a distal splenopancreatectomy and the pathological report and immunohistochemical evaluation were positive for solid pseudopapillary tumour of the pancreas. Postoperative evolution was uneventful. There was no need of adjuvant treatment since the excision was complete. The patient is on regular follow-up. Although a rare pathologic entity, pseudopapillary neoplasm of the pancreas (Frantz tumour) should be considered if found in young women patients. Even though, it usually has good biological outcome, the standard of care in treating it often implies major pancreatic resections.

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