

Recurrent parotid gland squamous cell carcinoma that is actually a benign soft tissue tumor of a myocutaneous flap.

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Introduction

The category of abnormal growths in the human body known as benign neoplasms, or simply "benign tumors," is fascinating and diverse. The majority of benign neoplasms are non-cancerous and have a relatively steady, under control pattern of cell proliferation, which is in stark contrast to their malignant counterparts, such as cancer. However, benign neoplasms seldom invade surrounding tissues or spread to distant regions of the body, in contrast to malignant tumors, which may resemble them in appearance and tissue composition [1].

The parotid gland, which is located directly in front of the ear, is well known for its function in producing saliva and for being susceptible to a number of clinical disorders, including malignancies. Squamous cell carcinoma (SGSCC), a malignant tumor that can affect the parotid gland, is one of these and frequently presents a difficult clinical scenario because of its aggressive nature. But periodically, the world of medicine comes as a surprise, and unusual situations that defy expectations come to light [2].

The patient, a 58-year-old man, had previously undergone radiation therapy and surgery to remove his parotid gland after it had developed SGSCC. The patient eventually returned with what seemed to be a recurrent parotid gland tumor despite initial good therapy. Concerns for SGSCC relapse were raised by the lesion's recurring history as well as by its clinical and radiological characteristics [3].

The original diagnosis of recurrent SGSCC seemed reasonable given the patient's medical background and clinical appearance. The discovery of a large lesion within the parotid gland region by fine needle aspiration (FNA) and imaging tests like CT and MRI supported the suspicion of cancer. These results encouraged surgical investigation to finally treat the recurrent malignancy [4].

The patient's treatment approach was greatly affected by

the discovery of a benign soft tissue tumor within the myocutaneous flap. A more conservative strategy was used in place of the major excision and substantial treatment procedures frequently used for recurrent SGSCC. By removing the benign tumor, the risk of complications was reduced and the surrounding structures were preserved [5].

Conclusion

A benign soft tissue tumor that was mistakenly identified as recurrent parotid gland squamous cell carcinoma is a rare but educational case that shows how difficult it may be to assess a patient's condition and the potential for unexpected outcomes. It emphasizes the value of thorough clinical assessment, precise diagnosis, and the critical role that surgery plays in reaching a firm diagnosis.

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