



A Case of Classical Kaposi Sarcoma

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Abstract

Case History

Male, born 1933 in Canton, parents and grandparents of Chinese origin. A purple brown painless nodule first appeared, right foot at base of 3rd toe at age of 58 years. The lesion disappeared with liquid nitrogen treatment. Next dark purple-brown plaques appeared over both feet, two further nodules on left foot and on left hand.

Histology

Spindle cells, clusters of capillaries, surrounded by chronic inflammatory cells, deposits of haemosiderin.

Treatment

Low dose of radiotherapy 86 g, excision of nodule.

Prognosis

Incurable, not fatal, major complication: may cause gastrointestinal bleed or respiratory lesion.

Distribution

Generally in older men of Jewish or Italian descent and in Bantus in Africa. A few cases have been reported in England, Wales, Taiwan and one Japanese.

Investigation

HIV negative.

Comments

1. Immune deficiency present
2. Any comment or advice would be appreciated. Contact writer at this meeting