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Meningeal carcinomatosis from penile squamous cell carcinoma.

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Abstract

We report herein a clinical case of a patient with meningeal carcinomatosis from penile squamous cell carcinoma. A 68-year-old man presented with mental changes, headaches, and unstable gait. Examinations revealed brain metastases and infiltration of the leptomeninges and subarachnoid space by carcinoma cells. Only 11 months earlier the patient had been diagnosed with penile squamous cell carcinoma of poor differentiation and had undergone subtotal penectomy and adjuvant chemotherapy and radiation. Infiltration of the central nervous system with penile cancer is extremely rare, and only five cases with brain metastases have been described to date. This is the first report of a patient with penile cancer spread to the leptomeninges.

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