

# MALIGNANT MELANOMA OF THE VULVA—A CASE REPORT

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An advanced case of a malignant melanoma of the vulva is presented for its relative rarity.

## CASE REPORT

Mrs. M.D. a 60 years old Hindu female was admitted on 3-5-80 for growth in the vulval region with itching and watery discharge of 3 months duration.

A black irregular indurated sessile growth replacing the clitoris, encroaching on the labia majora and minora on both sides for 1 inch and was infiltrating the anterior vaginal wall almost filling the whole introitus and bleeding on deep palpation.

She had noticed a small nodular growth which was of the size of a peanut. To her surprise, the growth had fallen off one day, only to reappear a week later and it had attained the present size.

There were 3-4 nodes in each axilla and 5-6 nodes in each inguinal region, discrete, firm, mobile and not tender. Overlying skin was free.

X-ray chest showed snow storm appearance

of both lungs. In view of the absence of respiratory signs and symptoms (Fig. 1).

Biopsy was taken from the growth, and the Pathologist reported it as malignant melanoma. (Fig. 2).

As the case was fairly advanced with pulmonary metastasis, there was no question of surgery and hence she was put on Immuno therapy and BCG injections were given.

After four injections she absconded from the ward and about a month later she was readmitted with severe dyspnoea and expired.

## Conclusion

This case of Malignant melanoma Stage IV ( $T_3N_2M_1b$ ) which is far advanced for surgery (hence immunotherapy given) is presented here for its rarity.

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