

Multiple Sites Spinal Ependymoma Case Report †

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Abstract: Ependymomas are rare neuroepithelial primary central nervous system tumors. The prevalence is more important in children; in adults, only approximately 1.8% of all central nervous system tumors are ependymomas. We present the case of a 48 years old patient who was accusing lombar pain and motor deficit, more pronounced on the left side. MRI was performed, revealing three masses localized at L2/L3, L5/S1, and S2. The vertebral canal was fully obstructed at L5/S1; therefore, surgery was performed at this site, with a partially favorable evolution. The histopathological examination suggested ependymoma G1, and the immunohistochemistry exam confirmed it. The patient accused cauda equina syndrome, MRI was performed again, describing a mass at L2 and cauda equina shifted to the left. Surgery was performed again at this site, and the histopathologic exam revealed, this time ependymoma G2. The patient developed sechelar paraparesis Frankel D. The third MRI revealed unspecified inflammatory lesions at L2-L4 and L5- S2 levels. Adjuvant craniospinal radiotherapy is recommended. The patient is currently in treatment, aiming for a dose of 36Gy with 1.8 Gy/Fraction and a boost for the surgical sites consisting of 9Gy. This case was brought to our attention due to its particularities, such as a rare primary tumor in adults and the presence of three distinct sites of the tumor.

Keywords: ependymomas; MRI; treatment.

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