

### **Metastatic Merkel Cell Carcinoma (MCC) of Pancreas**

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#### **Abstract**

Merkel cell carcinoma (MCC) is a rare, aggressive, neuro-cutaneous malignancy with a high potential to metastasize. We present a 59 year-old woman referred to general surgery department with a complaint of epigastric pain. The abdominal computed tomography (CT) performed and revealed a mass of 3 cm in the head of the pancreas. The significant debate in the patient's medical history was that she had a MCC in size of 5 cm removed from the left gluteal region 7 months ago. Following preoperative preparation a pancreaticoduodenectomy with Whipple procedure was performed for the pancreatic head mass. As the tumor showed morphologically similar properties with the patient's primary neoplasm, it was accepted as a metastatic MCC. Following the operation the patient received adjuvant chemotherapy and at a 30 months follow-up it was observed that the patient is disease free and has no complications related to the disease progression or recurrence. Although MCC is an aggressive and poor prognostic tumor, good results can be obtained with correct diagnosis and proper surgical treatment.

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