

Hepatoblastoma : A rare presentation in elderly.

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Abstract:

Hepatoblastoma is one of most common types of liver cancer. However it is comparatively a rare variety of solid tumor in paediatric age. The disease usually affects children below the age of 3 years. Hepatoblastoma (HB) accounts for 79 % of all the liver tumors in children. Though it is usually seen in childhood, few cases of hepatoblastoma have also been reported in adults worldwide. Studies suggest the disease is more common in males as compared to females. The etiology of HB has not been yet fully understood. Alpha Feto Protein (AFP) is a sensitive and specific marker of the tumor for early diagnosis and monitoring. The complete surgical resection is the most important modality of treatment. Chemotherapy has been proven beneficial in both adjuvant and neoadjuvant treatment. However inspite of all these available therapies, the prognosis of hepatoblastoma in adults is yet to be fully understood.

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