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Abstract

BACKGROUND

Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor (IMT) is a distinct tumor with a low incidence rate, that can be diagnosed at any age with a predilection for children and adolescents. Although IMT is visible in any tissues and organs, it is more commonly found in the

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In the WHO definition, inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor (IMT) is a rare spindle cell neoplasm with low malignant potential, and it is composed of proliferative myofibroblasts and mixed inflammatory cell infiltrate. The appearance of IMT in childhood is extremely rare. Symptoms and treatment are heterogeneous, mainly depend on the localization of the tumor (1–4). Genetically speaking, approximately half of IMTs harbor clonal rearran...

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