

Analysis of 20 cases of leiomyoma of alimentary tract

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Abstract

AIM: Through analysing 20 cases of leiomyoma of the alimentary tract to investigate its clinical features and the value of all kinds of adjuvant examinations.

METHODS: Twenty in patients with leiomyoma of the alimentary

tract, whose tumor was operatively removed and the diagnosis confirmed by pathological examination in our hospital from Oct. 1989 to march 1995.

RESULTS: The chief symptoms and signs of leiomyoma of the alimentary tract are abdominal pain, abdominal mass, hemorrhage of the alimentary tract and incomplete intestinal obstruction. There is no specific examination for it.

CONCLUSION: The incidence of leiomyoma of the alimentary tract is low, and it has no characteristic clinical symptoms. Unique examinations are not available, making the diagnosis rather difficult. The confirmative preoperative diagnosis rate is low, while the misdiagnosis rate is high.

Key words: Digestive system neoplasms/diagnosis; Digestive system neoplasms/pathology; Leiomyoma/diagnosis; Leiomyoma/pathology

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