



bland spindle cell proliferation interspersed by irregular vascular spaces containing extravasated erythrocytes, which on immunohistochemistry were positive for Human Herpesvirus-8 and consistent with Kaposi's sarcoma.

- g. Treatment
  - i. The patient underwent multiple failed attempts to withdraw his regimen of oral corticosteroids, and ultimately received a laparoscopic assisted subtotal colectomy with end ileostomy and since has done well.
- h. Related reports
  - i. While our references include several articles that can be perused for further information, more info can be found within the following articles:
    - 1. Kumar V, Soni P, Garg M, Abduraimova M, Harris J. Kaposi Sarcoma Mimicking Acute Flare of Ulcerative Colitis. Journal of Investigative Medicine High Impact Case Reports.
    - 2. Anderson, L., Lauria, C., Romano, N., Brown, E., Whitby, D., Graubard, B., Goedert, J. (2008). Risk factors for classical Kaposi sarcoma in a population-based case-control study in Sicily. Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention : A Publication of the American Association for Cancer Research, Cosponsored by the American Society of Preventive Oncology
- i. Term explanation
  - i. Refractory: resistant to a process or stimulus, in the context of medicine this term often refers to being resistant to treatment.
  - ii. Immunosuppression: reduction of the activation or efficacy of the immune system
- j. Experiences and lessons
  - i. This particular patient's case highlights the importance in considering the diagnosis of Kaposi Sarcoma in the setting of ulcerative colitis patients, as failure to do so delays treatment.
- k. Peer-review
  - i. This patient case illustrates the manifestation of primary gastrointestinal KS in a patient with refractory colitis to medical management.

We hope the reviewed version is now suitable for publication and look forward to hearing from you. We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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