

Rapidly Growing, High-Risk Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor of the Stomach: A Case Report

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The detection of asymptomatic subepithelial tumors of the gastrointestinal tract is increasing due to the increasing number of endoscopy procedures performed. There are limitations in accurate diagnosis and risk assessment of these tumors before surgical resection. A 70-year-old male visited the emergency room with complaints of melena. Emergency endoscopy revealed a submucosal tumor with ulceration, measuring 8 cm in size, in the gastric cardia and fundus. Computed tomography and upper endoscopy performed at another hospital six months' previously were compared. It was confirmed that the size of the mass increased significantly, from 2 cm to 8 cm. Subsequently, the patient underwent surgical resection of the mass and was diagnosed with high risk GIST (gastrointestinal stromal tumor). The present article describes the growth of a gastrointestinal stromal tumor at a rate exceeding the commonly reported rate.

