



Headmirror's ENT in a Nutshell

Esthesioneuroblastoma

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Presentation (0:28)

- Symptomatology
 - Nasal obstruction
 - Hyposmia or anosmia
 - Epistaxis
 - Headache, vision changes
 - Rare presentation cervical metastasis (5% patients)
- Physical Examination
 - High nasal vault tumor (olfactory cleft)
 - Fleshy mass, moderately vascular
 - Thorough cranial nerve and neck examination
- Epidemiology
 - Bimodal age distribution
 - SEER database → middle to late age (40-60s)
- Differential Diagnosis
 - Squamous cell carcinoma
 - Sinonasal undifferentiated carcinoma
 - Sinonasal neuroendocrine carcinoma
 - Lymphoma (imaging can look very similar)
 - Rhabdomyosarcoma
 - Ewing Sarcoma
 - Sinonasal mucosal melanoma

Pathophysiology (2:20)

- Theorized to arise from bipolar cell from nasal epithelium (upper 1.5 cm of the nasal vault)
- Small blue round cell tumor or neuroendocrine tumor
- Homer-Wright rosettes (1/3 of patients)
- Flexner wintersteiner rosettes

Workup (6:00)

- Imaging
 - CT scan
 - Bony erosion at the skull base
 - MRI
 - Uniformly enhancing mass in the upper nasal vault with possible extension into the paranasal sinuses and intracranially
 - Dumbbell appearance is not reliable sign clinically
 - PET-CT scan
 - Especially for Kadish C-D lesions

- Metastatic work up usually not performed for small lesions or Hyams grade 1-2
- Biopsy
 - Most important next step after imaging, especially in clinic
- Grading System
 - **Kadish Staging System**
 - A: confined into the nasal cavity
 - B: extension into the paranasal sinuses
 - C: tumor beyond nasal cavity and paranasal sinus which can include cribriform plate, erosion of skull base, intracranial cavity or orbital invasion
 - D: cervical nodes or distant metastasis
 - **Hyams Grading System**
 - Can be applied to many adenocarcinomas
 - Hyams grading is an independent risk factor for these tumors being aggressive
 - Hyams grade 1-2 (low grade) lesion compared to 3-4 (high grade)

Treatment (12:45)

- Treatment modalities are controversial
 - Upfront surgical resection if margin negative resection can be achieved at our institution
 - Other institutions favor upfront neoadjuvant therapy
- Localized tumors
 - Endoscopic endonasal resection
 - Exposure will be orbit to orbit with Draf III frontal sinusotomy and open up both sphenoids widely
 - Bony osteomies with a drill
 - Majority of cases can be treated with these
 - If negative margins cannot be achieved, convert to craniofacial resection
 - Multi-layered reconstruction with fascia lata graft as in-lay(possible Duragen above that) and extended nasoseptal flap on-lay
 - If NSF not available, dual layer fascia lata graft in-lay and on-lay is used
- Post-operative radiation
 - Most radiation literature support adjuvant radiation
 - At our institution, with low Hyams grade and margin negative resection, we will give the patient option for no radiation
 - Those patients without radiation have higher incidence of recurrence, but surgical salvage is an option
- Chemotherapy
 - Reserved for metastatic disease
 - No adjuvant therapy for postoperative radiation (only neoadjuvant for pre-op)
 - No data that any agents radiosensitizes these tumors

- Neo-adjuvant may be used up front to shrink tumor to achieve margin negative resection
- Neck Management
 - Elective neck dissection not recommended
 - High-rate of delayed neck metastasis (15%)
 - Salvage neck dissection vs radiation therapy
 - Some centers may perform elective neck radiation (controversial)
 - Having a single neck node is #1 predictor of mortality

Prognosis (22:55)

- Median survival 8.5 years
 - Hyams grade, Kadish stage, margin negative resection important factors
- SEER database
 - Hyams grade 1-2: 66% 10 year survival
 - Hyams grade 3-4: 30-35% 10 year survival

Follow Up (24:14)

- Scan at 3 months postoperatively followed by every 6 months for the first few years
- Nasal endoscopy important for surveillance as well as clinical neck examination
- Do not typically follow them with PET-CT