

Basaloid Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Uterine Cervix

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Abstract

Basaloid squamous cell carcinoma (BSCC) is a rare and highly aggressive variant of squamous cell carcinoma. It was first described by Wain et al in 1986. The characteristic histologic features are nests, groups, trabeculae and lobules of small basaloid cells with peripheral palisading. There may be areas of comedonecrosis. The tumor has, in some cases, been found to be associated with areas of typical squamous cell carcinoma. The most frequently involved sites are larynx, hypopharynx, tonsils and base of tongue. But other areas of the body like nose, paranasal sinuses, external ear, submandibular region, oesophagus, lung, uterine cervix, vulva, vagina and anus are reported to be afflicted. A case of BSCC of uterine cervix was encountered and is being reported here.

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