

Skin Ulceration Due to Metastatic Emboli from Ventricular Myxoma

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We report a case of left ventricular myxoma metastasizing to blood vessels of extremities and causing cutaneous ulceration. Most of left ventricular myxomas are symptomatic (92.7%). Systemic embolism is the most common manifestation (50%) and often leads to death.³ The propensity of cardiac myxomas to embolize is thought to be related to tumor morphology, with friable and gelatinous myxomas being more likely to embolize than firm and fibrous lesions.^{26, 27}

The current case is rare in the sense that the myxomatous material had metastasized to blood vessels of hands and legs, causing arterial insufficiency and hence cutaneous ulceration.