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PAPILLARY CANCER OF THYROID



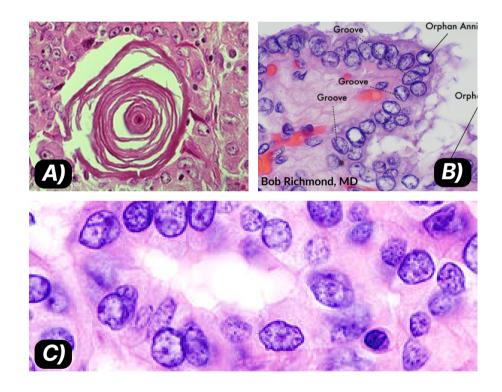


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- The most common type of thyroid cancer, accounting for about 80% of cases.
- More prevalent in women and often affects individuals in their 30s and 40s.
- Grows slowly and has a good prognosis compared to other types of thyroid cancer.
- Commonly seen in lodine sufficient areas.
- Originates from follicular cells and often has a well-differentiated structure.
- Exposure to radiation, especially during childhood, is a known risk factor.
- BRAF mutations are common in papillary thyroid carcinoma and are associated with a more aggressive behavior.



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- A) Psammoma BodiesB) Orphan Annie Eye Nuclei
- C) Papillary Projections



PATHOLOGIES & DIAGNOSIS

- Papillary Projections
- Optically Clear Nuclei aka Orphan Annie Eye Nuclei
- Pseudo Inclusion Bodies
- Dystrophic Calcification i.e. Psammoma Bodies
- Ultrasound identifies thyroid nodules and assesses characteristics.
- Biopsy is carried out for cellular analysis.
- Blood Tests Evaluate thyroid function and thyroglobulin levels.
- Imaging (CT, MRI, PET-CT) for staging and detection of metastases.



CLINICAL FEATURES

1. Painless Thyroid Nodule:

- Common presentation, often discovered incidentally.
- Nodule is typically firm and non-tender.

2. Thyroid Enlargement (Goiter):

- Gradual enlargement of the thyroid gland.
- May be visible or palpable in the neck.

3. Lymph Node Enlargement:

- Presence of palpable and firm lymph nodes in the neck.
- Indicates potential spread to regional lymph nodes.

4. Hoarseness or Voice Changes:

• Compression of recurrent laryngeal nerve may lead to voice changes.

5. Dysphagia or Difficulty Swallowing:

• Compression of the esophagus by an enlarged thyroid.



MANAGEMENT

Surgery:

- *Thyroidectomy*, with possible lymph node dissection.
- Radioactive Iodine (RAI): Post-surgery to eliminate residual thyroid tissue.
- Thyroid Hormone Replacement: Levothyroxine to maintain hormonal balance.

Monitoring:

- Thyroglobulin Testing (T3, T4): Monitors for recurrence.
- Neck Ultrasound: Periodic imaging to assess nodules and lymph nodes.
- *Regular Medical Follow-Up: Endocrinologist and oncologist appointments.*

Adjuvant Therapies:

- Considered in advanced or aggressive cases.
- May include targeted therapies or external beam radiation.
- Education: Providing information on the condition and treatment.



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Question:

Which of the following is the most common presentation of papillary thyroid carcinoma (PTC)?

- A. Painful thyroid enlargement
- B. Hyperthyroidism with low TSH
- C. Painless thyroid nodule
- D. Thyroid tenderness and fever

Answer:

C. Painless thyroid nodule

