

Massive Gastrointestinal Bleeding as an Initial Presentation of Hodgkin Lymphoma

Ali H. Algiraigri, MD*,** Meshari Alaifan, MD***

ABSTRACT

Hodgkin lymphoma is the most common malignant neoplasm affecting adolescents and young adults. Patients with Hodgkin lymphoma typically present with lymph node enlargement and systemic symptoms such as fever, weight loss, and night sweats. In addition, 40% of patients present with mediastinal mass-related symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath. Herein, we report a case of Hodgkin lymphoma with an unusual symptom, massive upper gastrointestinal bleeding. The bleeding persisted despite multiple endoscopic and hemostatic management. However, initiation of chemotherapeutic regimen stopped the bleeding. This posed the question of whether HL is a potential cause of massive upper GI bleeding.

Keywords: Gastrointestinal hemorrhage; Hodgkin lymphoma, Children

Bahrain Med Bull 2022; 44 (1): 879 - 881

* Department of Hematology
King Abdulaziz University Hospital, Saudi Arabia.
E-mail: aalgiraigri@gmail.com

** Hematology research unit
King Fahad Medical research center, King Abdulaziz University.

*** Pediatric Gastroenterology Unit
Pediatric Departement, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia