

Malt Lymphoma of the Ovary!

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Summary

Malt lymphoma of the ovary is rare but does occur.

Also known as maltoma involves the mucosa associated lymphoid tissue. Usually the ovary or stomach is involved but any mucosal site can be affected.

The B cells in the marginal zone are involved resulting in a extranodal marginal zone B cell lymphoma.

Helicobacter pylori is associated with MALT lymphoma (chronic inflammation!)

The initial diagnosis is made on biopsy by means of laparoscopy or eosophagogastroduodenoscopy. At the same time one looks for Helicobacter pylori.

The disease may be associated with autoimmune disorders such as Sjorgren's syndrome or Hashimoto's thyroiditis.

Thus the ovary, salivary gland or thyroid may be involved.

If limited to the stomach the disorder may respond just to antibiotics.

However surgery or chemotherapy may be necessary.

A t (11;1809q21; q21) chromosomal translocation, giving rise to a AP12-MLT fusion gene, is predictive of a poor response to eradication therapy.

However the locus 14q32 may also be involved!



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