



A case of congenital oropharyngeal teratoma

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Objective

We report a case of an antenatal ultrasonography diagnosis of a large neck heterogeneous tissular mass that ultimately proved to be a teratoma.

Methods

Case report.

Results

A female neonate with antenatal ultrasonography diagnosis of a large neck heterogeneous tissular mass (17cm of great diameter), was delivered by cesarean section. Due to the site and extent of the tumour and a limited clinician's experience of these tumors, the surgical and anesthesia decisions were difficult. The infant died of nosocomial infection and respiratory failure at 20 days of life. On postmortem examination, the histologic report revealed an immature teratoma.

Conclusion

The prognosis of a congenital oropharyngeal teratoma depends on the site, the extent and the clinician's experience of these tumors.