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Dr. Robert McCoy
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Re: Lorenzo Abundiz

Dear Bob,

I have recently seen Mr. Lorenzo Abundiz in consultation for the diagnosis of high grade soft tissue leiomyosarcoma. As you will recall, he is a 44 year old Santa Ana fireman who felt that he had a muscle pull which occurred while working. Several days later he felt a knot approximately the size of an elongated grape under his right axilla. On March 4, 1998, he saw Dr. Patel in Upland. A regular x-ray was performed and the area was said to be normal. The pain worsened and the knot became bigger, and on April 23, 1998, he went to another physician who sent him to an orthopedist. He was told to follow-up with his internist, Dr. Robert McCauley. On April 27, 1998, he saw Dr. McCauley and a biopsy was recommended. He saw you for the first time on April 28, 1998. An ultrasound was performed on May 1, 1998. The ultrasound revealed a superficial right lateral chest wall mass measuring approximately 6.5 cm X 4 cm X 3 cm, and it appeared to be relatively solid by ultrasound.

On May 8, 1998, he underwent an excision of the right axillary mass. Pathologically he was found to have a high grade leiomyosarcoma. Pathology was reviewed by Dr. Hector Battifora who noted that the probable origin of this sarcoma was from the blood vessels. On June 4, 1998, Mr. Abundiz underwent a radical resection of the sarcoma from the right axilla and removal of a portion of the latissimus dorsi muscle. Pathologically he was again found to have a high grade leiomyosarcoma involving the soft tissue with a size of 3.1 cm in maximum dimension.

Impression and Discussion: Mr. Abundiz has a high grade leiomyosarcoma. The initial size according to the ultrasound was greater than 5 cm in maximal diameter. Because of the size of this tumor and the high grade nature of this tumor, he is a candidate for further therapy with radiation therapy as well as chemotherapy. I will present him to the Tumor Board and also continue with his staging evaluation to rule out the possibility of lung or liver metastases. Leiomyosarcoma often metastasizes to the liver and all sarcomas have the tendency to metastasize to the lungs. I have therefore sent in requisitions for authorization for Mr. Abundiz to see one of the radiation oncologists at St. Jude Hospital and also authorization for his further staging. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to participate in the evaluation of this very nice gentleman's very difficult problem.

Regards,


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cc: Dr. McCauley