

NASOPHARYNGEAL PLASMABLASTIC LYMPHOMA: A CASE REPORT

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Plasmablastic lymphoma (PBL) is a rare aggressive subtype of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL). It occurs predominantly in older patients and HIV infected individuals and shows a predilection for the oral cavity. This case report describes a presentation of PBL in the nasopharynx of an older male patient. Due to its unusual immunophenotype and rare occurrence it is often misdiagnosed by pathologists. The biggest challenge in the differential diagnosis of PBL is the distinction from plasmablastic (anaplastic) plasma cell myeloma, as the morphological and immunophenotypic features of these two entities overlap.

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