

DUODENAL POLYPOSIS: AN INCIDENTAL FINDING OF DUODENAL-TYPE FOLLICULAR LYMPHOMA

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Introduction

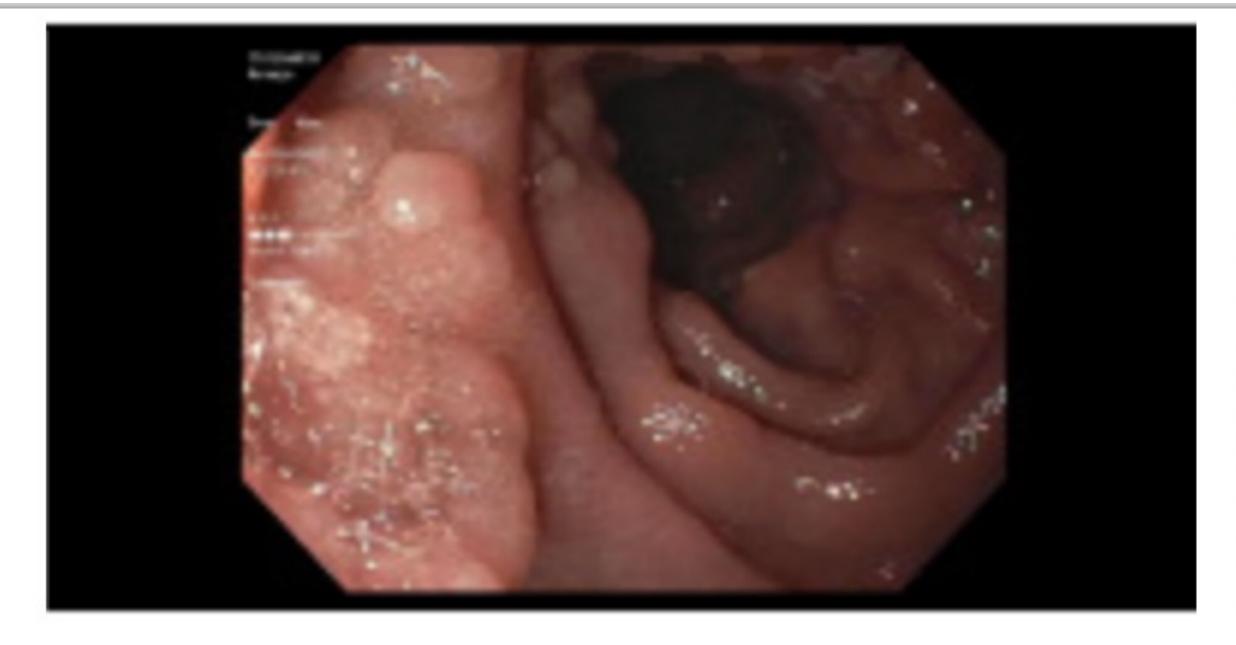
- Duodenal polyps commonly present as incidental findings on upper endoscopies (EGD), and often represent regenerative/hyperplastic nodules.
- The majority of neoplastic lesions are either adenomatous lesions of intestinal or gastric phenotype.
- A newly recognized entity of duodenal polyposis is duodenal-type follicular lymphoma (DFL).
- We present a rare case of duodenal polyposis from DFL as an incidental finding on a screening endoscopy

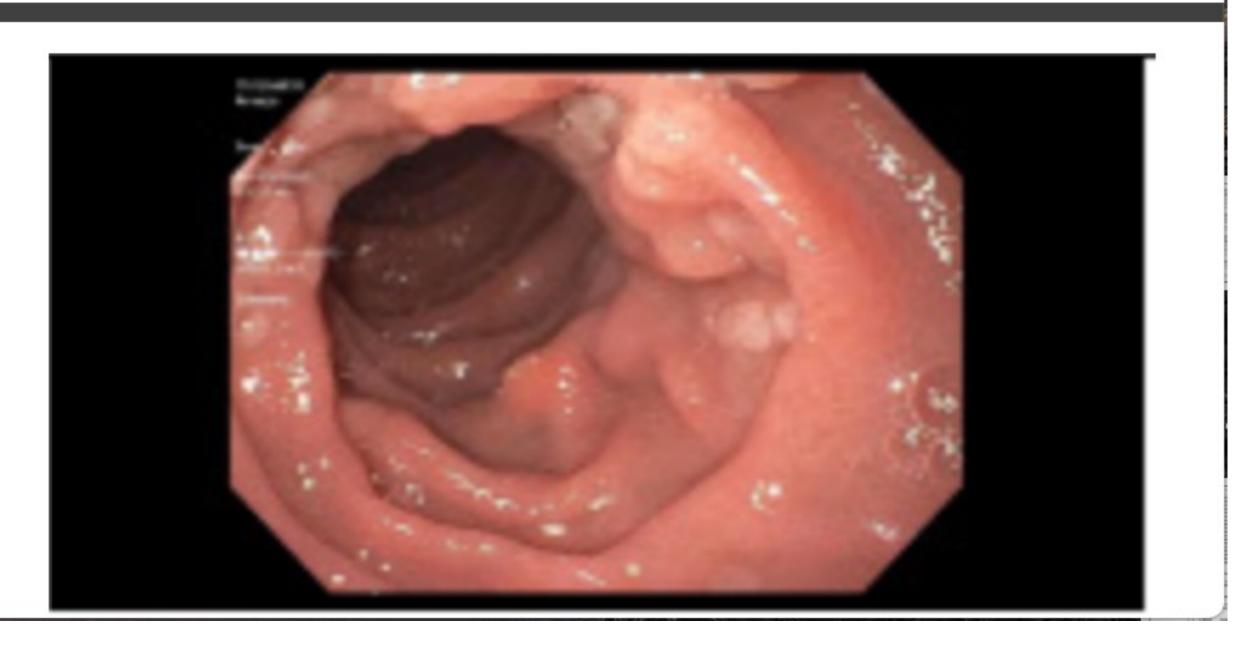
Case Description

- A 58-year-old non-smoking man with no significant medical history underwent EGD for longstanding GERD symptoms refractory to PPI therapy
- Absence of other symptoms and unrevealing physical examination.
- Family history was notable for gastric carcinoma in father at age 58.
- EGD was performed and was notable for gastric inflammation and duodenal polyposis with multiple semisessile polyps in the second portion of the duodenum.
- Duodenal mucosa had abundant lymphoid aggregates, comprising of mainly CD20+ B-cells. B-cell follicles were positive for BCL2, BCL6, and CD10.
- Alongside the markedly nodular duodenum, these findings were consistent with B-cell lymphoma.









- Laboratory studies were largely unremarkable with normal CBC with borderline high uric acid 8.0 mg/dl (3.4-7.8 mg/dl), and LDH 226 u/L (125-220).
- Secondary involvement by a systemic B-cell lymphoma was excluded by a normal bone marrow and whole PET scan and he was diagnosed with a low grade, stage-1 FL.
- Treatment options included localized radiotherapy with a curative intent or expectant monitoring off therapy.

Discussion

- DFL is a newly recognized variant of follicular lymphoma, with a low grade on presentation and benign evolution.
- The most common endoscopic finding is the presence of white nodular lesions confined within the duodenum, with rare appearances in other areas of the small intestine.
- Due to excellent prognosis and rare progression even in absence of treatment, watchful waiting is frequently favored.
- Endoscopists should be aware of the well-defined appearance of DFL, and the importance of ruling out extra duodenal involvement in order to present the patient with appropriate treatment options.

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