

MYOEPITHELIAL HAMARTOMA OF THE STOMACH SIMULATING A GASTRIC CARCINOMA. A CASE REPORT

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Myoepithelial hamartoma is a very rare submucosal tumor of the stomach. Magnus-Aleßen first described 5 cases of this tumor in 1903. More recently (1993) Vandelli *et al.* published a review of the literature comprising only 33 cases. Histologically, the tumor is characterized by hypertrophic smooth muscle

bands surrounding diverse epithelial elements that can be arranged in different ways: as a simple glandular structure, Brunner's gland, pancreatic ducts and occasionally pancreatic acinus. We report a case of myoepithelial hamartoma of the stomach simulating a gastric carcinoma.

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