## Small cell/neuroendocrine tumors of the esophagus: presentation of two cases and review of the literature

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## ABSTRACT

Small cell cancers of the gastrointestinal tract are part of a family of extrapulmonary small cell carcinomas. These tumors can occur anywhere in the body and generally carry a poor prognosis. Treatment usually consists of a combination of chemotherapy and radiation therapy. We present two cases illustrating diagnostic and treatment issues and review the literature on the treatment of this uncommon but aggressive family of tumors. Free full text available at www.tumorionline.it

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