

## Global Nephrology: Mixed epithelial stromal tumor of the kidney: The male case and literature review- Pai-Yen Pan - Chang Gung Memorial Hospital

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A 44-year-old male visited our hospital because he accidentally found an outsized palpable hard mass over his left upper abdominal area. There have been no symptoms of hematuria, flank pain, irritable urinary symptoms, bowel habit changes nor any bodyweight loss. Physical examinations were generally normal apart from a palpable (10 × 10 cm) fixed non-tender mass over his left upper quadrant area. Laboratory examinations, including urine analysis, were all normal apart from a small elevation of CA19-9 (47.52 U/mL). The recommended upper limit of normal for CA19-9 is 37 U/mL.

The urine cytology showed reactive urothelial cells and neutrophils. He was a hepatitis-B virus carrier, and had smoking and alcohol history. He began taking aspirin since he received left anterior descending artery coronary stenting for anteroseptal myocardial infarct. His mother had carcinoma history.

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