Thyroid-like metastases to the scalp from a papillary renal cell carcinoma: a case report

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ABSTRACT

The skin can host metastatic tumors originating from different organs. We report a case of metastatic renal cell carcinoma to the scalp in a 73-year-old man with features very similar to those of thyroid papillary carcinoma. The histogenesis in relation to its structure is discussed.

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