

SIMI 112° Congresso Nazionale Roma, 22-25 ottobre 2011

(NON MODIFICARE QUESTA RIGA)

RARE CANDIDA ALBICANS OVERGROWTH IN AN IMMUNOSUPPRESSED PATIENT: CASE REPORT OF A MALIGNANT TUMOR-LIKE GASTRIC LESION

Pasquale Mansueto*, Antonio Carroccio**, Alberto D'Alcamo*, Giuseppe Ambrosiano*, Aurelio Seidita*, Floriana Adragna*, Angelo Maria Patti*, Lidia Di Prima*, Giuseppe Pirrone*, Ilenia Pepe*, Salvatore Di Rosa***, Giovambattista Rini*

*Dipartimento di Medicina Clinica e delle Patologie Emergenti, Università di Palermo,**Ospedali Civili Riuniti di Sciacca (AG);***Azienda Ospedaliera Villa Sofia-Cervello, Palermo

ABSTRACT

The gastrointestinal tract of healthy individuals is colonized by hundreds of saprophytes: mycetes, especially *Candida* species, are habitual ones. Under certain conditions, fungal flora may overgrowth, resulting in lesions of the digestive mucosa, which, rarely, might evolve to local diffusion and/or systemic lympho-hematogenous spreading. Mycotic infections of the stomach might, sometimes, look like benign gastric ulcers. Here we described a case of a woman, aged 64, affected by diabetes mellitus and psoriasis, in chronic treatment with immunosuppressive agents (cyclosporine), with endoscopic evidence of ulcerated vegetating gastric lesion, strongly suggestive for malignancy, due to *Candida albicans* infection, and completely healed after cyclosporine withdrawal and administration of oral antifungal drugs.