



A PILOT STUDY ON SYNCHRONOUS AND METACHRONOUS MULTIPLE PRIMARY MALIGANCIES-MYTH OR REALITY

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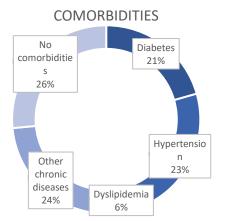
INTRODUCTION:

There is a global increase in the incidence of multiple primary malignancies(MPMs), ranging from 0.52–11.7%. These tumors can be categorised as synchronous and metachronous cancers based on the time interval between the diagnosis, synchronous being within 6 months of the first primary tumour and metachronous after 6 months interval. Although not well-established, potential risk factors for the development of MPMs include persistent exposure to environmental carcinogens, advanced age, genetic mutations & syndromes, increased use of chemo-radiation, hormonal and genetic therapies. The aim of this study is to increase awareness on the incidence of MPMs and the significance of identifying the risk factors for cancer development.

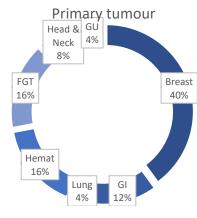
METHODS:

25 MPMs diagnosed on biopsy during a 5 year period from 2019-2023 were collected retrospectively and prospectively from the centralised database of the hospital. Different variables including patient characteristics like age and gender, comorbidities, tumour characteristics like site and morphology, treatment received for each primary tumour, time interval between the 1st and second primary tumour, the morphological association between the tumours along with risk factors for development of these tumours were analysed.





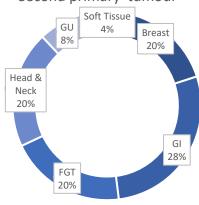
Male 28% Female 72%



Age Distribution



Second primary tumour



HISTOLOGY	PRIMARY TUMOR	SECOND PRIMARY TUMOR
CARCINOMA	21	24
SARCOMA	-	1
HEMATO- LYMPHOID	4	-

	TREATMENT	PRIMARY TUMOR	SECOND PRIMARY TUMOR	
	CHEMOTHERAPY	5	2	
	RADIOTHERAPY	-		
	SURGERY	6	12	
	SURGERY+ CHEMO	14	11	

RESULTS

- * Incidence- Metachronous 84% Synchronous 16%
- *F>M
- *Peak age- 5th to 7th decade
- *Common comorbidity- HTN &DM
- *Family history of malignancy- 48%
- *Most common site- 1st tumour- Breast 2nd tumour- GIT
- *H/o chemoradiation for 1st tumour- 76%

CONCLUSION

A study of multiple primary malignant neoplasms and further analysis of the antecedent risk factors, genetic predispositions and neo environmental factors helps in key revelations in the sequence of cancer development and progression, which can help in primordial prevention along with monitoring, enhanced genetic counselling and screening. Increased awareness of the patterns and time intervals of a second primary helps during pre-treatment evaluation for primary tumor and by regular follow up of these patients with primary tumor, an early detection along with treatment of second primary tumors becomes possible leading to better survival in these patients.

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