

Multifocal pheochromocytoma in early childhood: case report.

Abstract:

A three and a half year old male with multifocal phaeochromocytoma involving the right adrenal gland and an intrathoracic mass is presented. Twenty four hour vanillylmandelic acid (VMA) was negative despite suggestive symptomatology. The diagnosis was made on serial CT scans of the head, thoracic inlet and pelvis. He underwent right adrenalectomy and thoracotomy to remove the abdominal and intrathoracic mass. The diagnosis was confirmed by histology. He remained hypertensive on hefty antihypertensive doses throughout his lifespan and finally succumbed to status epilepticus at the age of ten, six years from the time of diagnosis.