CASE 2

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Clinical Abstract:

The patient is a 50 year old alcoholic female with a 15 year history of progressive headaches. Left 6th nerve palsy was noted 12 years ago. Since that time, she has had progressive left-sided proptosis, diminution of vision, and recurrent episodes of epistaxis. Recent skull x-rays demonstrate a large tumor destroying the clivus, extending to form a mass in the left middle fossa, opacifying all left-sided sinuses and extending into the retropharynx. Subtotal excision was performed (9/79) yielding 35 gm. of gray, gelatinous tumor. The patient underwent post-operative radiation therapy and was alive at last follow-up.

MATERIAL SUBMITTED: One H & E section of tumor.

Points for Discussion:

1. Diagnosis

2. Biological behavior of neoplasm in relation to histological features