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Punched Out Lesions in the Skull in a Case of Multiple Myeloma

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Case History

A patient aged about 40 years presented with bony pain and mild fever. The patient was diagnosed to have multiple myeloma. Multiple myeloma is the most common primary malignant tumor of the skeletal system. It is a malignant proliferation of the plasma cells. This gives rise to monoclonal proliferation of these cells resulting in marrow infiltration and consequent increase of a single immunoglobulin and its fragments in the serum and urine. Plasma electrophoresis shows increased levels of immunoglobulins in the blood and light chains and Bence-Jones protein in the urine. Multiple destructive lytic lesions of the skeleton, and demineralization, as seen radiologically are characteristic of multiple myeloma (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Punched out lesions in the skull of a case of multiple myeloma.

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