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Accumulation of technetium-99m pertechnetate in a patient with metastases of thyroid carcinoma

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Accumulation of both Tc-99m pertechnetate and radioiodine upon scintigraphy in thyroid carcinoma and/or in its metastases is a rare occurrence. In this paper we describe a patient who was taken to surgery for left lobectomy of the thyroid with follicular adenocarcinoma and who had accumulation of both I-131 and Tc-99m pertechnetate in lung metastases. The accumulation of I-131 was less than that of Tc-99m pertechnetate. The use of Tc-99m pertechnetate for imaging for diagnosis of functioning thyroid metastases is discussed.

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