87 year-old female with history of heme(+) stool and jejunal ulcer versus ulcerated mass on capsule endoscopy.

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Jejunal adenocarcinoma with regional mesenteric nodal metastases
Apple core jejunal lesion
Two adjacent enlarged mesenteric lymph nodes
Small bowel loop, mildly dilated
Beginning of irregular circumferential mural thickening
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Epidemiology
• Risk of small bowel cancer 1.8 per 100,000 persons
• Risk factors: age (mean 65), male gender, African American

Etiology
• Microsatellite instability or adenoma sequence
• Genetic predisposition: Hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer syndrome, Familial adenomatous polyposis, Peutz-Jeghers syndrome, among other genetic disorders
• Chronic inflammation, such as in Crohn’s disease

Presentation
• Abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, weight loss, GI bleeding, obstruction, intussusception
• Stage at presentation: 39% Stage I/II, 26% Stage III, 32% Stage IV
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Diagnosis

• Imaging: barium small bowel follow-through +/- enteroclysis, capsule endoscopy, CT and MRI enterography.
• Diagnosis confirmed by biopsy usually during surgical management
• Differential: chronic duodenal ulcer disease, Crohn’s disease, other small bowel tumor

Treatment

• Surgical: Wide local excision with lymphadenectomy
• Chemotherapy for metastatic or unresectable disease
References
