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The Bartholin cyst that wasn't: A case report of metastatic cancer

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Bartholin gland cysts and abscesses are common disorders of the female genital tract. Carcinomas and benign tumors of the gland are rare. However, in certain patient populations it can be argued that patients presenting with suspected Bartholin gland cyst or abscess should undergo both drainage and biopsy of the lesion in order to exclude potential carcinoma. While metastatic disease have been documented in primary cancers of the Bartholin gland secondary to its extensive vascular and lymphatic network, we present a case report of a poorly differentiated endometrial carcinoma metastasis to the Bartholin gland that initially presented as a Bartholin gland abscess. This case also serves as a useful reminder that when treating disease of the female genital tract, no matter how minor, a level of vigilance and attention to managing the whole patient is of utmost importance.

Biography

Erich T Wyckoff has obtained his Medical degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine before completing his Residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology at Wright State in Dayton, Ohio. He has joined the Faculty of the University of South Florida where he focused on minimally invasive surgery. He later joined the Faculty at the University of South Florida, where his interests include medical diversity, education and robotic surgery. He is board certified in Obstetrics & Gynecology and engaged in surgical technologies and has published peer-reviewed articles in his specialty. He is the author of *"God's Physician: Word's of my life"*.

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