

## **Double Malignancy Surgery In Patient at Godrej Memorial Hospital.**

A rare case wherein two cancers were diagnosed and successfully operated and managed in the same patient was encountered in GMH last month.

Patient aged 75 years presented with symptoms of vertigo to the physician.

A surgical reference was made for mild abdominal pain in this patient.

Examination by the surgeon suggested a right sided colonic cancer , which was confirmed by a CT scan and colonoscopic biopsies .

Patient was posted for surgery urgently and operated upon by Oncosurgeon **Dr K Sethna** and General Surgeon **Dr Sundeepa Sawant Rai**.

The colon cancer surgery was especially technically demanding given extensive involvement of lymph nodes along major blood vessels.

During surgery patient was found to have also an obvious gall bladder cancer .

Surgery was then extended to also include removal of the gall bladder alongwith surrounding liver( procedure termed Radical Cholecystectomy).

The entire surgery was a difficult and complex procedure due to its rare nature.

The outcome was deservedly rewarding with complete removal of cancerous tissue alongwith clear margins histologically, and more so, a fully recovered patient ,who is discharged and presently is considering chemotherapy as per cancer stage treatment protocols.

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