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Ulcerated Basal Cell Carcinoma of the Eyelid

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Basal cell carcinoma is the most common malignant palpebral tumor. It is secondary to UV exposure, elderly patient, fair skin and smoking. It is locally invasive but rarely metastatic. We report a 62-year-old patient, presenting infiltrating lesions of the left eyelids with loss of eyelashes, causing a large ulcer with abrupt edges and necrotic center (Figure 1). The biopsy was in favor of an ulcerated basal cell carcinoma of the eyelids. The treatment is based on carcinological resection followed by palpebral reconstruction and additional radiotherapy.



Figure 1: Photo of the left eye, showing an ulcerated basal cell carcinoma infiltrating the lower eyelid margin, the half of the upper eyelid margin, the medial canthus and the lateral canthus.