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## **NASOPHARYNGEAL ANGIOFIBROMA IN AN ADULT MALE: REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE.**

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*Abstract: Nasopharyngeal angiofibroma frequently referred to as "juvenile nasopharyngeal angiofibroma," is an uncommon benign tumor that exhibits strong vascularity and sluggish development. It usually affects male adolescents between the ages of 14 and 25, and symptoms such as nasal blockage or epistaxis are typical. Adult prevalence and incidence numbers have not yet been determined with precision. Because of its propensity for local invasiveness, the tumor can represent a serious risk even when it is benign. The recommended course of treatment is complete surgical resection, with preoperative angiography helping to visualize arteries connected to the tumor and embolization.*

*Keywords: Benign tumours, adolescent, juvenile nasopharyngeal angiofibroma, male, symptoms.*

Nasopharyngeal angiofibroma is a rare condition that can affect older persons. This disease's limited prevalence is confirmed by the statistic. It is still unknown what causes juvenile nasopharyngeal angiofibroma, due to the increased frequency in male teenagers. Furthermore, according to some fairly new hypotheses, partial regression of the first branchial artery may be the cause of the nasopharyngeal angiofibroma, which is a vascular malformation. The sphenopalatine foramen region is typically where this tumor begins, grows to occupy the postnasal space, and frequently spreads to the orbit, pterygomaxillary and infratemporal fossae, sphenoid sinus, and even the middle cranial fossa. Radiologic exams continue to be the most crucial diagnostic instruments because they provide accurate assessment of tumoral extension and support the surgeon in selecting the most appropriate surgical strategy for tumor removal. It's critical to understand the extent of the tumor in order to forecast its course. It is necessary to employ a staging system for that reason. Numerous staging criteria have been created for the assessment of a juvenile: angiofibroma of the nasal cavity, such as Fisch, Radkowski, or Andrews. Based on clinical and radiological standards, the Radkowski criteria appears to be the most often employed in contemporary literature. The patient needs to undergo a selective angiography on the internal and external carotid arteries, regardless of the stage or surgical strategy selected, to assess the major arterial branches that guarantee the tumor's blood supply. Under certain circumstances, the angiography can proceed with the embolization of the main arterial branches. Less invasive surgery has become the norm in terms of surgical approach, which makes sense given that the majority of patients are still growing. Even in cases when the tumor has little cerebral penetration, the endoscopic method has been shown to produce remarkably positive outcomes and low recurrence rates. Gamma knife has also been utilized in a few chosen cases with very tiny tumors, and the reported outcomes have been quite encouraging.

**Conclusions:** Despite the fact that nasopharyngeal angiofibroma is typically linked to teenagers, it is crucial to take this diagnosis into account for a wider range of ages. Accurate diagnosis and successful treatment of adult nasopharyngeal angiofibroma depend



on the recognition of its appearance. The main therapy strategy is still surgical resection, and further study is required to identify any unique features of the disease and develop care plans for elderly individuals.

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