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The role of Versana Premier in otolaryngology

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Clinical case of acinic cell carcinoma

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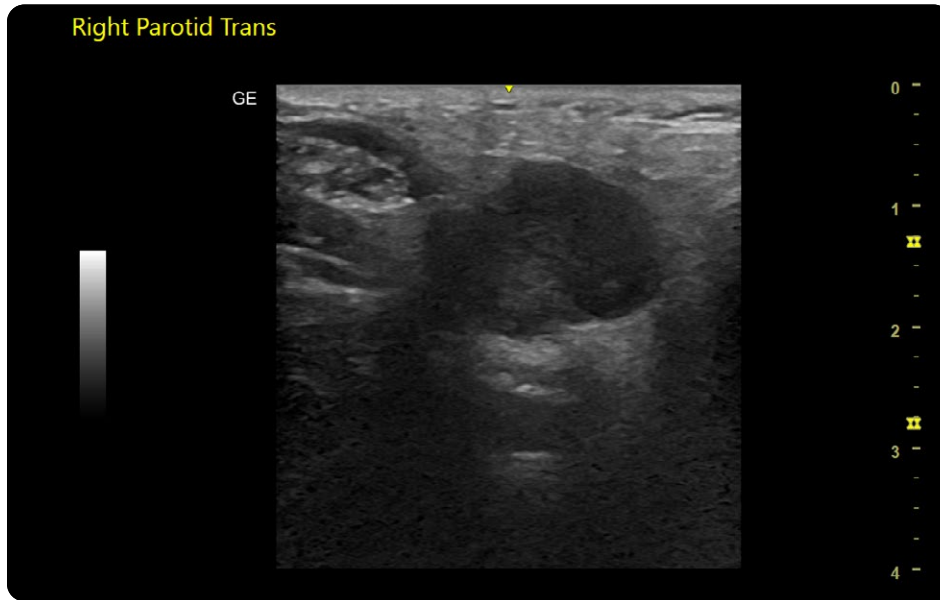
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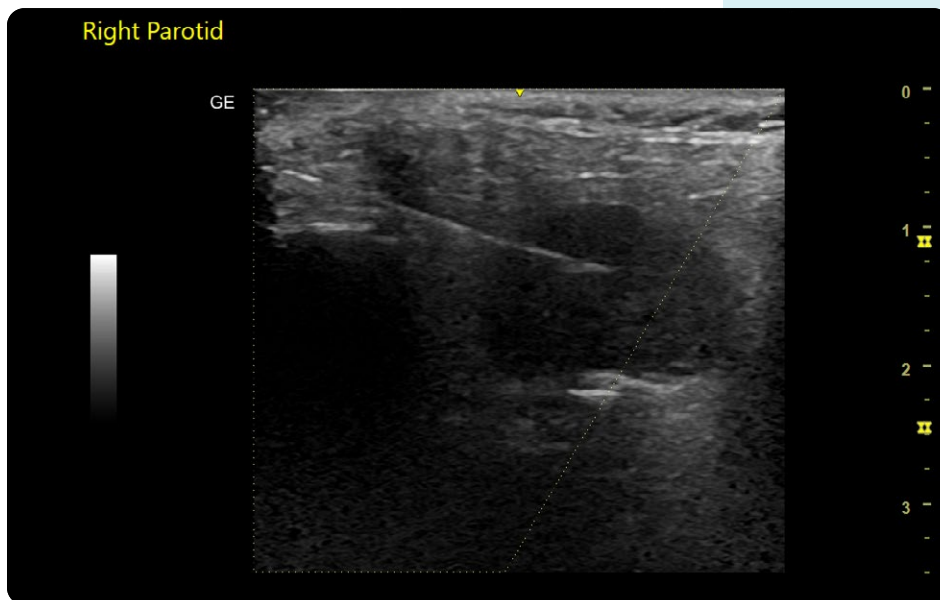
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Clinical presentation



- 64-year-old female
- Presents with a one year history of a right upper neck mass
- Physical exam is positive for a firm, mobile, nontender, right parotid mass
- Ultrasound reveals a solid, 3 cm hypoechoic mass with hazy margins and no significant posterior acoustic enhancement

Key findings



Utilized feature: Ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration was performed using Versana Premier Needle Guide Feature

Cytology results: Acinic cell carcinoma

Key takeaway: Acinic cell carcinoma represents 6-10% of all salivary gland malignancies. Approximately 2-3% of all parotid gland tumors are primary acinic cell carcinomas. 90% of the time these are found in the parotid gland, 10% intraorally on buccal mucosa or palate.

Conclusion

Ultrasound is an inexpensive, low-risk, and effective tool for evaluating thyroid and parotid lesions. Its accessibility and accuracy in predicting the nature of lesions compares favorably to that of more expensive and invasive cross-sectional imaging. Fine needle biopsies can be performed at the same visit, thus expediting care. These images taken on a Versana Premier suggest that ultrasound imaging in clinical settings can often be confidently used as an initial, and perhaps sole, imaging modality for thyroid and parotid masses.



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