

Images in Medicine: A Chinese Burn?

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Abstract

We report a case of alternative treatment of a renal carcinoma by Chinese traditional medicine.

CASE REPORT

A 65-year old Chinese man presented to the Accident and Emergency Department with a history of loin pain, haematuria and weight loss. Examination revealed a right loin mass and a circular area of blistering with fixed staining to the overlying skin. He had initially sought advice from a traditional Chinese medicine practitioner. The hot cup suction treatment provided an accurate illustration of the site of his pain (Figure 1).

Figure 1



He subsequently underwent surgical treatment of his left renal carcinoma.

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