Relapse of Hodgkin's disease after 10 years of complete remission: Case report.

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Abstract:

A 17 year old male patient with nodular sclerosis Hodgkin's disease had a relapse of lymphocyte depleted type ten years after entering complete remission with chemotherapy and radiotherapy. This is the first documented case in our experience of relapse after very long disease free interval. A review of the literature of late relapses in Hodgkin's disease is also presented. Relapses have been recorded from three years to twenty years, although few very late forms are registered. Long term follow up will be necessary to document the role of the different therapeutic regimen.