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Abstract:

Fifty three consecutive patients with histological evidence of gastric carcinoma were studied between June 1987 and June 1989 at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH). The male to female ratio was 3.4:1 and the peak age of occurrence was in the 7th decade with 62.3% of gastric carcinoma being at the gastric antrum. Poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma was found in 68.2% of patients while well differentiated adenocarcinoma in 4.5% of cases. Intestinal metaplasia was a rare finding. If Lauren's classification of gastric carcinoma is considered then diffuse type of gastric cancer is by far the commoner type in our environment