

Familial Thyroid Carcinoma

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We report a case of a 46 years old female who underwent total thyroidectomy in 1975 for papillary thyroid cancer. In 1985 she developed lymph nodes and lung metastasis for which she received radiotherapy.

In 1995 her mother was attending the Medical Clinic for bronchial asthma and noted to have a neck swelling which was associated with hoarseness of voice and difficulty in swallowing. A clinical examination followed by investigations proved that she was suffering from papillary carcinoma of the thyroid. Although familial thyroid carcinoma has been increasingly reported in the literature, we believe that these are the first two cases of familial thyroid carcinoma reported in Bahrain.