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## IMAGES IN CLINICAL MEDICINE



Fig. 1: Photograph of a 60 year old female who presented with ulcer over the right upper region of face involving the nose and right eye.

### **BASOSQUAMOUS CARCINOMA**

Basosquamous carcinoma (BSC) is a rare cutaneous malignancy, with mixed morphology of both basal cell carcinoma (BCC) and squamous cell carcinoma (SCC). It was first described in 1910 by MacCormac and later by various authors which has a potential for aggressive infiltration, local recurrence and distant metastatic spread. This behavior differs substantially from BCC. BSC is more common in men; usually presenting in the fifth to eighth decades of life. It has reported incidence of 1-2% of all carcinomas of the skin. It is radio-resistant and has a poor prognosis. Johnson et al described BSC as a wolf in the sheep's clothing. Therefore complete resection with negative surgical margins is essential and long-term follow-up for the detection of local recurrence and distant metastatic spread is recommended.

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