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Resumo	Plexiform neurofibromas (PN) represent an uncommon phenotype of neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF-1) in which neurofibromas arise from multiple nerves as bulging and deforming masses involving also connective tissue and skin. These neoplasms rarely affect the colon and rectum. Co-occurrence of PN and neuroendocrine tumors (NET) with primary involvement of the rectum, and medullary thyroid cancer (MTC) in patients with NF-1 is a previous undescribed condition. In this context, we presented a case of primary a PN associate with NET of the upper rectum, in a patient with NF-1, previous submitted to a thyroidectomy due an MTC whose genetic sequencing found a novel pathogenic variant in the neurofibromin 1 (<i>NF-1</i> ; deletion of exons 2-30) gene. Case Report: A 49-year-old woman, with familial history of NF-1 complaining modification of her bowel habits, abdominal cramps, and tenesmus, for six months. She was undergone a thyroidectomy due to MTC 8 years ago. She was submitted to a colonoscopy, which identified a raised submucous lesion, with 5 cm in diameter, located in the upper rectum. During colonoscopy, a deep biopsy of the lesion was performed and the histopathological evaluation and immunohistochemically panel confirm the PN diagnosis. The patient was referred to a laparoscopic anterior retosigmoidectomy. Conventional histopathological examination using the hematoxylin-eosin technique suggested presence of two neoplasm tissues. An immunohistochemical panel was done for etiological confirmation, which





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demonstrated an intense immunostaining of S-100 protein from the largest and
superficial lesion, and positivity to chromogranin and somatophysin of the minor and
deeply lesion confirming the rectal NET diagnosis. The proliferative activity rate analysis
using Ki-67 antibodies showed that both tumors was a low rate of mitotic activity
(<1%). Genetic sequence panel identify a novel pathogenic variant in the NF-1 (deletion
of exons 2-30) gene and a variant of uncertain significance in POLE (DNA Polymerase
Epsilon, Catalytic Subunit; c.1370C>T; p.Thr457Met) gene. These findings confirming a
rare association of PN and NET of the rectum and a MTC, in-patient with NF-1
syndrome with a pathogenic variant not previously described in the NF-1 gene. The
patient's postoperative evolution was uneventful, and she remains well, without signs
of tumor recurrence, two years after surgical excision. Conclusion: Our study
demonstrated the first description of co-occurrence of MTC, PN and NET of the rectum
in a patient with NF-1 due a new mutation in the NF-1 gene. The immunohistochemical
staining and the inclusion of a multi-cancer genetic panel established the diagnosis.

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