

*This is a case of a 50 year old man who presented in August 2004 with a four week history of intermittent rectal bleeding. He was examined at the surgery and found to have several large haemorrhoids. No other physical findings were evident and he was referred for a routine sigmoidoscopy. In November he presented again complaining of persistent bouts of diarrhoea and some weight loss. His appointment was expedited and he was diagnosed with metastatic colorectal carcinoma in early December 2004. He had an AP resection in January 2005.*