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Cytological Diagnosis of Lingual Thyroid A Case Report

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ABSTRACT The aim of the article is to present a rare case of lingual thyroid in a young boy by fine

needle aspiration cytology. Lingual thyroid is a rare anomaly with a reported overall prevalence of 1 in 100,000 and is seven times more common in females than in males. The diagnosis of lingual thyroid is usually made clinically, fine needle aspiration cytology and radionuclide scanning is used to confirm the diagnosis. Even though most of the lingual thyroid glands contain histologically normal tissue, there are reports of carcinoma arising within a lingual thyroid. So, early diagnosis and treatment of lingual thyroid is essential with regular follow up.