From dentist to internist

J. Hanssen*, F. Toonen

Department of Internal Medicine, Alrijne Hospital, Leiderdorp, the Netherlands, *corresponding author: email: jljhanssen@gmail.com

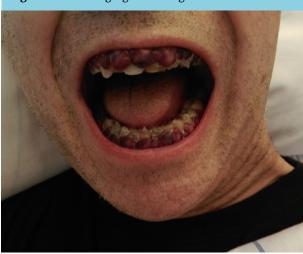
CASE REPORT

A 64-year-old man was referred by his dentist because of remarkably enlarged and vulnerable gums. His chief complaints were nausea, weight loss and haematemesis because of gum bleeding for the last 5 weeks. He has a past medical history of retroperitoneal fibrosis, hypothyroidism and a myelodysplastic syndrome type refractory cytopenia with multi-lineage dysplasia since 2013 for which he received no treatment. His only medication was levothyroxine 75 μ g once daily. He does not smoke. Physical examination revealed a fever, marked gingival enlargement (*figure 1*), a 2 cm submandibular lymph node on his left side and several haematomas on both legs.

WHAT IS YOUR DIAGNOSIS?

See page 46 for the answer to this photo quiz.

Figure 1. Marked gingival enlargement



© Van Zuiden Communications B.V. All rights reserved.

JANUARY 2018, VOL. 76, NO. 1