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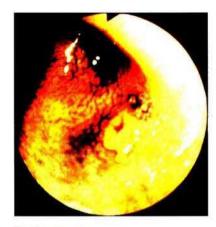
Endoscopic Image of Minute Colon Metastasis of Gastric Carcinoma

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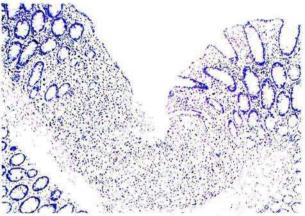
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Colonoscopy after indigo carmine spraying: minute depression 2 – 3 mm in diameter with marginal elevation in the descending colon, in a 64-year-old man with a huge, poorly differentiated gastric adenocarcinoma.



Biopsy: large cells, some appearing anaplastic, permeating normal crypts with no component of adenoma; consistent with mucosal infiltration of gastric carcinoma (H&E, x33). The minute depression proved histologically to be a metastasis of gastric carcinoma. The present case may indicate that gastric carcinoma can metastasize to the colon as a minute erosion resembling the primary lesion.