

HEPATIC ALVEOLAR ECHINOCOCCOSIS

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We report the case of a 76-year old woman who underwent a partial hepatectomy for suspicion of breast cancer metastasis. Histopathological examination of the hepatic mass revealed an alveolar echinococcosis. This rare parasitic disease is related to the development in the liver of cistodes larvae of echinococcus multilocularis and must be differentiated from the classical hydatid cyst, caused by echinococcosis granulosis.

We report the epidemiology, pathogenesis and the clinical consequences of this infection for human beings.