

# FROM SUSPICION TO SURPRISE: THE GREAT MASQUERADER OF RECTAL MASSES

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**A 61-year-old male with lower abdominal pain, rectal discomfort, and positive FIT was ultimately diagnosed with syphilitic proctitis after initial biopsies suggested rectal tonsils and lymphoma was excluded.**

## KEY POINTS

- Initial colonoscopy revealed a distal rectal mass with histopathology showing lymphoid infiltrate and reactive hyperplasia, raising the possibility of rectal tonsils after lymphoma exclusion.
- Repeat flexible sigmoidoscopy showed no mass, only granular mucosa, and new biopsies revealed hyperplastic lymphatic tissue and *Treponema pallidum*, confirming syphilitic proctitis.
- The case authors emphasize the importance of obtaining a detailed sexual history when anorectal findings do not align with more common conditions such as cancer.

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