

88 y.o. AAF is admitted from the clinic after her CBC showed severe anemia with Hgb 7. The patient has gradually been losing weight for the past two years (20 pounds), claiming that she was consciously trying to lose weight by eating less. She has had decreased appetite and lost 8 pounds over the last two months. She refused any work-up and her daughter agreed.

The patient denies dysphagia, heartburn, abdominal pain, or problems with her bowels; however, she does say that she has had piles with intermittent bleeding since she was 13 years old.

### **Past Medical History (PMH):**

HTN, CRI, Glaucoma, R eye blindness, HOH

### **Medications:**

Atenolol 25 mg po qd

### **Social History:**

Denies smoking, drugs or alcohol. Lives with her daughter.

### **Physical Examination:**

VSS, thin lady in NAD

Chest: CTA (B)

CVS: Clear S1S2

Abd: Soft, NT, ND, +BS

Rectal: FOBT negative

Ext: no c/c/e

Neuro: AAO x 3, non-focal

Urine sample taken in the ER showed gross hematuria which patient never reported or noticed before.

**What do you think is going on?**

**What tests would you order to be certain?**

**What do you think will the final diagnosis be?**

**What did you learn from this case?**