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# Myiasis

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## Abstract

Late presentation of breast cancer is more likely to be complicated and fatal. Local invasion, tissue destruction, skin loss, and superadded infection/infestation make surgical intervention very challenging.

## KEY WORDS

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Q: What is this condition?

A: Maggot infestation of a fungating left breast carcinoma, or what is called Myiasis. This self-neglected middle-aged woman presented with this rare condition and died few weeks later Figure 1.<sup>1</sup> Wound debridement and symptom control were the mainstay of treatment. Approximately 50 maggots of the *Wohlfahrtia Magnifica* type were removed.

This parasitic larva of fly lives on the debris and necrotic tissue. Diabetes, immunosuppression, and poor hygiene,<sup>2</sup> in a hot climate and tropical countries are the main risk factors.



**FIGURE 1** Fungating left breast carcinoma with skin necrosis, ulceration, and infestation by maggots

Management is wound debridement and disinfection along with controlling the risk factors and treating the underlying cause.

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