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This is the first known case in Europe, where bladder metastasis occurred 10 years after surgical removal of a primary gastric neoplasm. There are only 4 cases in literature where metastases of the peritoneum developed 11 years after surgical removal of a primary gastric tumor.

WE think that metastases to bladder could not only originate from direct spread of a primary tumor, but also from implantation of detached pelvic/ureteric neoplastic cells, or lymphogenic/haematogenous or even peritoneal dissemination from a distant primary neoplasm - that could be the etiology of bladder metastases in our presentation.

It has a broader clinical impact across more than one area of medicine: gastroenterology, urology, oncology. With our work we would like to draw attention to the necessity for search after distant metastases even 10 years after the primary intervention of gastric cancer.