Most of the visceral malignancies that metastasize to the umbilicus are adenocarcinomas. Rarely squamous cell carcinoma of the cervix and penis and malignant mesothelioma have been found to metastasize to the umbilicus.

Umbilicus is an extremely uncommon site for metastasis from esophageal malignancy and has only been reported rarely in adenocarcinoma of the esophagus. In our patient, squamous cell carcinoma of the esophagus had metastasized to the umbilicus. There is no published report of squamous cell carcinoma of the esophagus metastasizing to the umbilicus. Umbilical seeding possibly occurred from the retroperitoneal lymph nodes by retrograde spread.

With increasing survival in patients with cancer due to improved interventions, it would be more likely in years to come to see unusual manifestations of some of these malignancies.