

Micrometastasis in uveal melanoma – relevance for dormancy



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On August 17, 2020, Senior Consultant Nils Eide defended his thesis “Micrometastasis in uveal melanoma – relevance for dormancy” for the degree of Dr. Philos at the Institute of Clinical Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo. 328 patients with uveal melanoma were included in his studies.

His main hypothesis was as follows: Identification of micrometases in the bone marrow at the time of the diagnosis of uveal melanoma predicts worse prognosis than not

having identified any micrometases. Surprisingly, Nils Eide’s thesis did not find association, but the opposite that identification of micrometases in the bone marrow at the time of the

diagnosis of uveal melanoma predicts improved prognosis compared to not having any identifiable micrometases. Of note, all the samples from the bone marrow were investigated using the antibody 9.2.27, which is associated with melanoma, but not specific for melanoma. The sensitivity and specificity, however, are high. ■

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