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Figure 1

A 58-year-old man noted changes in his nails that consisted of dark purplish discolorations and linear transverse ridging of the nail (Figure 1). These changes were also noted in the feet. The pigmentation changes are located at the proximal part of the nails occupying half of the nails and the ridges are separated by defined intervals. He also noted mild skin pigmentations. On inquiry he revealed that he had undergone surgery to resect a colonic cancer recently and has just started chemotherapy which consisted of folinic acid, 5-fluorouracil and oxaliplatin. His skin and nails were normal prior to chemotherapy.

What is the diagnosis?

Answer: refer to page 78

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