



Advances in Oral Cancer: From Pathology to Treatment

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Oral squamous cell carcinoma is the most common head and neck malignancy, characterized by high invasive capacity, lymph node metastasis, and high recurrence rate. Indeed, despite recent diagnostic and therapeutic advances, the prognosis is poor, showing a 5-year survival rate of 50–60%.

Even if the recently released 8th edition of the AJCC Staging Manual has introduced several modifications improving the prognostic prediction accuracy, it is still necessary to find new prognostic markers in order to better stratify those patients who could benefit from more specific therapies.

Moreover, despite the classic subject affected by OSCC, a growing incidence among younger subjects mainly linked to HPV infection has been reported in recent years.

The improved understanding of the mechanisms involved in cancer development may lead to the identification of new potential therapeutic targets, allowing the use of novel strategies to the clinical treatment of OSCC. The recent advances in clinical studies evaluating treatment strategies and new therapies need further research.

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