

Special Issue

Esophageal Cancer: Incidence, Risk Factors, and Early Diagnosis

Message from the Guest Editor

Esophageal cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths, causing over 400,000 deaths globally each year. The two main histological subtypes of esophageal cancer, squamous cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma, differ greatly in distribution and risk factor profiles. The etiology of esophageal cancer is not completely understood. Esophageal cancer is featured by a poor prognosis, and tumor stage at diagnosis is the strongest prognostic factor. Detection at an early stage may improve prognosis, but unselected endoscopic screening or surveillance is not justified in the general population. Risk prediction models have shown the potential to identify selected high-risk individuals for targeted prevention and early detection, but such models need to be further refined and validated, and their clinical utility remains to be carefully evaluated. The aim of this Special Issue is to provide epidemiologists, clinicians and public health professionals with an overview of the epidemiology and prevention of esophageal cancer, with a focus on updated evidence from public health and clinical epidemiological research.

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