

Special Issue

Oral and Head/Neck Lymphoproliferative Disorders

Message from the Guest Editors

The term lymphoproliferative disorders encompasses several disease patterns globally characterized by the proliferation of a more or less differentiated lymphoid clone. The application of immunological investigations, cytogenetics and molecular biology has helped researchers to better define such diseases generally recognized to be clinically and morphologically heterogeneous. In the oral cavity and generally in the head and neck, lymphoproliferative disorders most commonly occur as extra-nodal lymphoid lesions, but also often as localizations of spread disease. A careful clinical and radiographical examination of the head and neck, oral cavity and oropharynx is mandatory to identify suspicious lesions at an early stage. The aims of this Special Issue are first to collect clinical–epidemiological data on oral and head/neck lympho-proliferative diseases to highlight disease signs and symptoms at the early stage, to suggest a mini-invasive approach to diagnosis with the support of targeted histological and immunohistochemical investigations and to provide data about therapy efficiencies, clinical outcome and recurrence rate.

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