



## Innovative Strategies and Treatment Options for Head and Neck Cancer

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The number of new cases of head and neck cancer has noticeably rapidly increased in recent decades, especially among young adults. This is not only associated with tobacco and alcohol consumption, but due to HPV infection emerging as an additional risk factor, defining a new subtype of tumor that is distinct from “conventional” HPV-negative ones. Head and neck cancer is remarkably heterogeneous, comprising several subtypes in different anatomic sites of the upper aerodigestive tracts with complex pathological and molecular features. Despite the advances in medical imaging and therapeutic approaches, the outcome of patients with advanced head and neck cancer remains poor, with the lack of flexibility in therapeutic strategies often leading to patients suffering from inadequate or excessive treatments with severe side effects and lifelong consequences.

This Special Issue aims to expand the current molecular knowledge on treatment options and innovative approaches, one of the top priorities in the head and neck cancer field being to revert the obscure scenario of poor outcomes and improve patient survival.

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