Special Issue

Head and Neck Cancer: Early Detection and Advances in Therapy

Message from the Guest Editors

Head and neck cancers are biologically diverse and often diagnosed at advanced stages, leading to significant morbidity and mortality. This Special Issue will focus on work that improves early detection and enables the delivery of more effective and individualized therapy across the full continuum of care.

We invite original research, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses. Topics of interest include risk stratification in high-risk populations, molecular and liquid biopsy biomarkers, saliva-based diagnostics, and imaging advances (PET, CT, MRI, radiomics, radiogenomics, digital pathology, and AI-powered decision support).

We also welcome contributions on precision radiotherapy (IMRT, VMAT, proton therapy), minimally invasive surgery, and optimized multimodal treatment pathways. Of particular interest are de-intensification strategies for HPV-positive oropharyngeal cancer, organ preservation, functional reconstruction, and studies on toxicity mitigation, rehabilitation in speech and swallowing, quality of life, survivorship, and real-world evidence (including access, disparities, and implementation).

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