



Oncology in ENT I

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Malignant tumors of head and neck represent in men approx. 6 %, in women approx. 2 % of all malignant tumors.

- In CR incidence of ca orofarynx and oral cavity 12,7/100 000 in man and 4,6 /100 000 in woman (2012); increasing trend.
- Incidence of larynx carcinoma was in CR 9,3/100 000 inhabitants in men and 1,1/100 000 inhabitants in women (2012).

Incidence partially depends on geographical site (increase from North to South)



Development of head and neck cancer incidence in CR





Therapeutic results of Head and Neck Cancer in relation to stage

Approximate 5-year survival

I. stage	91 %
II. stage	77 %
III. stage	61 %
IV. a	32 %
IV. b	25 %
IV. c	4 %

The prognosis of patients with the head and neck carcinomas is worsened due to frequent associated diseases. (hepatic cirrhosis, diseases of circulatory and breathing systems etc.).











Aim of clinical diagnosis

Determine

- Verification of malignancy; determination of character (grading) and size of primary tumor, staging. The result is TNM classification.
- determination of performance status of organism, incl. psychological and social status.



Clinical diagnosis, assessment of prognosis

- Complete history of disease
- Clinical examination inspection, palpation incl. endoscopy
- Histology of primary tumor, lymphatic drainage (FNAB, FNAC), cytology diagnosis (HPV)
- Diagnostic imaging CT, MR of the neck, X-ray of chest, better CT, sonography of abdomen; contrast imaging of esophagus, ev. endoscopy in case of dysphagia; PET-CT, PET-MR
- Functional examination: swallowing, phonation, breathing,
- Stomatology examination; Nutritive screening
- Exclusion of duplex tumors: prostate in man, gynecology in woman
- Special examination, if necessary: psychologic examination, social status and support, prevention (smoking)



History of disease - "Listen to patient, he is saying diagnosis"

- HNSCC tumors (exception of glottic cancer) some months without specific symptoms (as civilization disease – chron. pharyngitis, rhinosinusitiss, laryngitis), later:
- Feeling of foreign body in pharynx, burning, pain, especially one-sided in swallowing spreading into ears, foetor ex ore
- dysphagia, limited movability of tongue, worse pronunciation mumbling due to tongue fixation
- anorexia, cachexia
- bleeding
- trismus
- Impaired nose breathing, epistaxis, external deformities in face
- hoarseness, cough, dyspnea
- tumor on external neck



Aspection

Remove removable tooth prosthesis, consider pathological changes on mucous membrane, asymmetry changes in oropharynx

- non healing damage on mucous membrane
- hard tumor covered of mucous membrane, later disintegration into <u>ulcer</u>.
- exophytic tumors patient frequently notices itself
- white and red stain persisting on palate, tongue, buccal mucosal membrane – necessary biopsy and watching.
- neck tumor

Palpation (+bimanual palpation)

- form and size in cm, site (localization), topographic description
- consistency soft, elastic, fluctuant, firm or hard
- mobility vertically or horizontally, fixed or adherent
- evaluation of borders of tumor



- CT, MR of the neck, X-ray of chest, better CT, sonography of abdomen
- PET-CT, PET-MR in advanced stages of pts. with assumption of curative treatment
- contrast imaging of esophagus, eventually endoscopy in case of dysphagia



Undesirable side affects – CT: Radiation, MR: Small amount of Gadolinium could be stored in brain



M-classification: M_0 no proof for distant. meta, M_1 - exist proof for distant metastesis

thyroid gland cancer – metastases in ling M₁ (PUL)





- Horizontal NBI, SPIES (Storz Professional Image Enhancement System – changes of color spectrum of tissues)
- Vertical Optical coherence tomography (OKT), radiation similar to infrared light penetrating 1-3 mm into depth; images issues in vertical section





Classification of intraepithelial capillary vascular loops

The highest changes of vascular microarchitecture, the most significant probability of malignancy.



Narrow band imaging

Indication

- screening early diagnosis
- Follow up after oncology treatment
- During evaluation or surgery for aimed biopsy

Limitations

- stagnation of saliva, mucous
- hyperkeratosis
- Influence of age, gender, lifestyle
- False positivity laryngeal papillomatosis



Classification of intraepithelial capillary vascular loops in esophageal tumors. Inoue – progressive loss of vascular microarchitecture

11	AR	Type I	Normal	Negative for malignancy	
5	<i>RR</i>	Type II	Esophagitis	Indefinite for neoplasa	
P	AR	Type III	Esophagitis /LGIN	Noninvasive LGIN	
N	30	Type IV (m1)	HGIN/CIS	Noninvasive	
Sup	2345	Type V ₁ (m1)		HGIN	EMR/ ESD
10	SAN I	Type V ₂ (m2)	SCC	Noninvasive HGIN	
and a	₩.	Type V ₃ (m3/sm1)			ESD/ surgery
affer.	154	Type V _N (sm2/deeper)		Invasive carcinoma	surgery

Type I







Classification of SCC oral cavity. (Shibahara et al. 2013







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- Endeavor to safe and improve. QOL is possibly limiting factor for oncologic treatment.
- Measurement of QOL Karnofski scale, ECOG performance status
- Measurement of QOL after oncologic treatment psychometric questionnaires (Quality Of Life Questionnaire), for inst. QLQ-C30, QLQ-N&N37 a QLQ-H&N35



ECOG performance status

Grade	Description of patient
0	Fully active, able to carry on all predisease performance without restriction
1	Restricted in physically strenuous activity but ambulatory and able to carry out work of a light or sedentary nature, e.g., light housework, office work
2	Ambulatory and capable of all self-care but unable to carry out any work activities; up and about more than 50% of waking hours
3	Capable of only limited self-care; confined to bed or chair more than 50% of waking hours
4	Completely disabled; cannot carry on any self-care; totally confined to bed or chair
5	Dead

Source: Eastern Clinical Oncology Group





Score, %	State of Health
100	Healthy, no symptoms or signs of disease
90	Capable of normal activity, few symptoms or signs of disease
80	Normal activity with some difficulty, some symptoms or signs
70	Caring for self, not capable of normal activity or work
60	Requiring some help, can take care of most personal requirements
50	Requires help often, requires frequent medical care
40	Disabled, requires special care and help
30	Severely disabled, hospital admission indicated but no risk of death
20	Very ill, urgently requiring admission, requires supportive measures or treatment



- preventive programs aimed on risk groups (smoking, alcohol, etc.)
- earlier detection increased oncologic "vigilance" of family doctors and specialists
- new methods of treatment new <u>chemotherapeutics</u> - new drugs, new protocols, <u>immunotherapy</u>, <u>gene therapy</u>, <u>irradiation</u> - new regimens, new methods in <u>surgery</u>
- suitable individual adaptation of current therapeutical procedures prognostic factors should be found – for instance evaluation of proliferation, apoptosis, DNA ploidy



- In relation to patient (Age, tobacco use, alcohol abuse, the whole status of organism, Immunology)
- In relation to treatment (tumors responding better to neoadjuvant treatment have better prognosis and they are suitable for treatment damaging genome (chemo, radiotherapy)
- In relation to disease



- primary localization
- TNM stage TNM classification of malignant tumors, International Union Against Cancer (UICC)
- serum tumor markers (CEA, SCCA, TPA, CYFRA-21-1)
- Histologic differentiation ("grading" according to Broder)
- Predictive biomarkers





Help to identify high-risk patients who may benefit from a more aggressive treatment approach.

Help to identify patients who are resistant to radiotherapy or chemotherapy, potentially avoiding the morbidity of ineffective therapies.

May serve as targets for biologic therapies.



Hanahan D, Weinberg RA: The Hallmarks of cancer. Cell 100:57-70, 2000. (8496 citations)



Targeted therapy, Precise therapy

- Higher expression of EGFR in 70-100 % HNSCC
- Blocking of signal pathway
- Activation of ADCC (Antibody-Dependent Cellular Cytotoxicity)
- Activation on complement depended cytotoxicity
- Dependence of outcome on genetic alterations

Precise therapy include mainly genomic aspects in diagnosis and treatment.



Signal pathway of EGFR in carcinogenesis





Mechanism of efect inhibitors EGFR





- More targeted antitumor therapy and lower undesirable effect than CHT
- EGFR receptors not present in hematopoietic tissue, but are present in skin, liver and GIT.
- Consequence of this are undesirable effect: diarrhea, rash, hypomagnesemia



Rash, 14 days after end of therapy (RT+Cetuximab)



Addition of p-16/HPV status to evaluation of

existing markers could be very helpful in prediction of treatment outcome in oropharyngeal cancer.

Prevalence of HPV positivity is given about 60% in Czech population.



Checkpoint inhibitors – part of multimodal treatment

PD-1, PD-L1 (nivolumab, pembrolizumab) a CTLA-4 inhibitors: (ipilimumab)

T-cell receptor Antigen PD-1 T-cell T-cell T-cell inhibitor **T-cell** Tumour potentiation inhibition activation cell CTLA-4 PD-1 T cell T cell Cel PD-L1 CTLA-4 PD-L1 CTLA-4 TCA B7 R7 87 MHC MHC MHC **IPLIMUMAB** blocks APC APC APC CTLA-4

Immune-oncology


Growth from a tumor of 1 g (the minimum size detectable) to a potentially lethal mass of 1 kg requires only 10 further doubling of cell number (DeVita: Cancer)

Colin T. Murphy, Thomas J. Galloway, Elizabeth A. Handorf, et al.:

Survival Impact of Increasing Time to Treatment Initiation

for Patients With Head and Neck Cancer in the United States. J Clin Oncol 34:169-178. © 2015

51,655 pts with HNSCC. Number of days from diagnosis to treatment initiation 61 to 90 days compared with less than 30 days independently increased risk of death (Cox regress analysis, HR, 1.13; 95% CI, 1.08 to 1.19)



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Theory vs. reality

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1/2018 pain in neck

2/2018 GP gave antibiotics

20/4 2018 evaluated on ENT

Taken sample - cT4 cN3 M0, p16 +

11/6 2018 supposed onset of CHRT







TNM classification

- Developed by Pierre Denoix v years 1942-1952; 2017 8. edition
- Separately assessment of primary tumor (T), local metastasis (N) and distant metastasis (M)
- Basic philosophy more advanced tumor, worse prognosis

Aims:

- 1. Helps clinician in treatment planning
- 2. Give information about prognosis
- 3. Helps in describing treatment outcomes
- 4. Make easier exchange of information between treatment centers
- 5. Helps in research HNSCC in man
- 6. Support activities in fight against malignant tumors



8th edition of TNM classification

- Published in December 2016, Czech edition 4/2018.
- Main change in comparison with 7. ed. Is separate classification of p16+ oropharyngeal cancer





- Curative induce permanent remission
- Palliative to stop tumor growth
- Symptomatic (Best Supportive Care, BSC) treat only symptoms (pain food income, bleeding, breathing)

Localized HNSCC- separate treatment only surgery or radiotherapy (not systemic treatment as a "definitive" treatment)

Surgery

- Curative complete removal of tumor tissue (R₀ resection)
- Palliative to reduce tumor mass and improve usage of other treatment options.

Chemotherapy – only in combination with radiotherapy



- The aim preservation of the organ and its function
- Surgery is avoided or minimalized
- Organ preservation should not sacrifice length of survival
- Indication: patient with locally advanced but resecable tumor



Overall survival, time to recurrence or progression versus

QOL, functional status, age of patient and his wish

- Patients with tumor penetrating cartilage are usually not suitable for organ saving protocol
- Cost effectiveness
- Predictive biomarkers
- Neoadjuvant chemotherapy tumor response to treatment
 - only in clinical experiment



Treatment choice

Non surgical treatment (Chemo – radiotherapy)

- higher S-phase fraction (of cell cycle, SPF)
- Lower share of cells with realized proliferation
- Relatively good general condition (KI, BMI, weight loss)

Surgery

- Combination of higher apoptotic threshold (higher expression of p53, bcl-2) and lower share of cells in SPF and higher share of cells G2M phase
- Advanced tumors (higher tumor volume),
- Lower expression of Ki-67
- lower micro vascular density (hypoxic tumor)



The treatment strategy is usually is based on international guidelines, such as NCCN. Nowhere in the whole world doesnt'exist **unambiguous** consent regarding choice of the treatment modality. NCCN Guidelines distinguishes various levels of consensus.



The methods of surgical treatment of lymph node metastases

Surgery from external approach – in case of primary surgical treatment, combined with Radiotherapy/radio chemotherapy
 Non surgical treatment – in case of "organ saving protocols" - Radiotherapy/radio chemotherapy

The methods of treatment

Prescalene node biopsy (Daniels operation)

- The radical curative neck dissection (Resectio venae jugularis internae en bloc sec. Crile 1906) - the upper boundary of the operation is the base of the skull and the lower boundary lies at the level of the clavicle. The sternocledomastoid muscle, the internal jugular vein are removed.
- The goal of neck dissection is complete removal of lymph nodes and vessels between the superficial and deep cervical fascia.
- Functional deck dissection- the sternocleidomastoid muscle, the internal jugular vein, the accessory nerve are preserved.
- An elective neck dissection is a neck dissection carried out in the absence of palpable lymph nodes for a primary tumor which experience has shown to have a high metastatic rate - oropharynx, hypopharynx, supraglottic larynx, the base of the tongue. The purpose of this operation is to deal with micro metastases.



Types of neck dissections (classification according to Ferlito)

ND (neck dissection)

L (left,) or R (right,) – side of neck dissection

removed region lymph nodes, described with Roman numeral to VII, in increasing order **removed non lymphatic structures**

Examples:

ND (R, I-V, SCM, IJV, CN XI) – Radical neck dissection

ND (L, I-V, SCM, IJV, CN XI, CN XII) - extended Radical neck dissection with removal of n. hypoglossus

ND (I-V, SCM, IJV) – Modified radical dissection with saving n. accessorius (n. XI)

Abbreviations: ND – neck dissection, SCM – m. sternocleidomastoideus, IJV – v. jugularis interna,

CN XII – n. hypoglossus, CN XI, SAN – n. accesorius (spinal accesory nerve), ECA – a. carotis externa, ICA – a.carotis interna, CCA – a. carotis communis, CN VII – n. facialis,

- CN X n. vagus, SN neck sympaticus, PN n. phrenicus, SKN –skin,
- PG glandula parotis, SG glandula submandinbularis, DCM deep cervical muscles



Radical neck dissection ND (R, I-V, SCM, IJV, CN XI) **sec. Crile**









Therapeutic results of Head and Neck Cancer reveal strong dependency in relation to stage – therefore prevention!

Primary – to prevent tumor formation by influence risk factors

Secondary – diagnosis of early tumor stages

Tertiary – early detection of local recurrences or distant metastasis or possibly tumor duplicity



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European Head and Neck Society

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Schema of preventive evaluations, tertiary follow-up

• Regular clinical evaluations

1st year : monthly
2nd year : every 2 months
3rd year : every 3-4 months
further years : every 6- 12 months

 Additional evaluations: X-ray examination of lungs/1 year, ultrasound of abdominal cavity/1 year, blood account + screening á 3 month, CT individual. After 3 years the intervals are protracting.



Tumors of nose and paranasal sinuses



Malignant melanoma of the nose



Carcinoma maxillae (T₄)





- Incidence less than 1% of all malignant tumors
- Usually 6-12 months without clinical symptoms,
- then unilateral nasal obstruction, small bleeding from the nose, frequently picture of inflammation of maxillary sinus, discharge, foetid secretion.
- In advanced tumors headache, signs of invasion of neighboring tissue – eye, cheek, regionally lymphadenopathy...



Etiology

Risk factors: hard wood dust, Nickel, isopropyl alcohol, thorotrast, yperit and other



Malignant melanoma of the nose



- Rhino endoscopy biopsy
- CT/MR of paranasal sinuses
- Investigation for exclusion distant metastasis : X ray of lungs, Ultrasonography of organs of stomach cavity, mamma in women and gynecology, prostate at men, PET.
- stomatology evaluation

Cancer of nose and paranasal sinuses -TNM classification



- T1. Tumour limited to the mucosa with no erosion or destruction of bone
- T2. Tumour causing bone erosion or destruction, including extension into hard palate and/or ...

T3. Tumour invades any of the following: bone of posterior wall of maxillary sinus, subcutaneous tissues, floor or medial wall of orbit, pterygoid fossa, ethmoid sinuses

T4. Tumour invades any of the following: anterior orbital contents, skin of cheek, pterygoid plates, infratemporal fossa, cribriform plate, sphenoid or frontal sinuses orbital apex, dura, brain, middle cranial fossa, cranial nerves other than maxillary division of trigeminal nerve V2, nasopharynx. clivus



Cancer of hard palate





Surgical treatment is preferred.

- St. I, II surgery (no risk factors present)
 St. III,IV surgery + radiotherapy (+- adjuvant chemotherapy).
- + surgery for locoregional lymphnodes only in their CT or MR positivity



- Transfacial Lateral rhinotomy with various modifications enabling approach to both partial and total maxillectomies. (Weber-Ferguson)
- Endoscopic benign tumors, inverted papilloma, carcinomas – CAS (computer assisted surgery)
- Sublabial rhinotomy ("midfacial degloving") small tumors of anterior wall of maxillae
- Combined craniofacial intracranial spread of tumor + neurosurgery bicoronar section



Surgical therapy – external approach

- Maxillary sinus parcial or total maxilectomy.
- Ethmoid sinus external ethmoidectomy sec. "Moure"
- Frontal sinus classical rhinosurgery Jansen- Ritter, Riedel, Killian.
- Sphenoid sinus sphenoidectomy via sublabialis, transseptalis.



Lateral rhinotomy Weber-Ferguson







Maxillectomy according to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (Spiro 1997)

- "limited" maxillectomy every maxilectomy with removal only one wall of antrum Highmori
- "subtotal" maxillectomy removal of at least two walls of antrum Highmori
- "total"maxillectomy all maxilla is removed





Midfacial degloving



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Cancer of maxillary sinus



Very late diagnosis

Treatment worsening quality of life



Multidisciplinar approach

(otorhinolaryngology, plastic surgeon, neurosurgeon, stomatosurgeon)

- Phase of resection
- Phase of reconstruction


- Resection of primary tumor
 - T1, T2 limited or partial maxillectomy
 - T3, T4 total maxillectomy, extended total maxillectomy, exenteration of orbitae

Revision of parapharyngeal space (N₀), neck dissection (N>0)





Phase of reconstruction

 Microsurgical flaps (in one surgery)

- prosthetic solution
 - obturatos and epithesis
 - tooth prosthesis
 - eye prosthesis











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- m. latissimus dorsi, m. serratus ant. - Muscle – skin flap
- China flap Skin + subcutaneous flap
- Bone-muscle- flap





Ca spinocellulare maxillae l.dx. cT4









Month after surgery



Skin used for palate reconstruction

Skin used for reconstruction of the orbit



Měsíc po operaci





Kůže použitá pro rekonstrukci patra

Kůže použitá pro rekonstrukci orbity



- + Enabling sufficient radicality
- + Shorter healing after surgery
- + better cosmetic effect
- difficult possibility of detecting recurrences in operating cavity









Survival of patients with malignant tumors of nose and paranasal sinuses





60. year old patient JV

- Nasal polyposis for years
- 9/2009 oedema of right eye, blocked nose, without diplopia
- Tumor adhering to dura mater
- Histology: not differentiated carcinoma karcinom. pT4b N0M0







DFOV: 18.80 x 18.80cm



14.10.2009 Exenteratio orbitae l.dx, resectio maxillae partialis l.dx, resectio baseos fossae cranii anterior, ethmoidectomia l. utr., transplantatio durae matris fossae cranii ant. l.dx., recontructio defectus plastica cum musculus latissimus dorsi





Neurosurgery – resetion of dura mater, replaced by synthetic dura

Defect closed with musculocutaneus flap from m. latissimus dorsi microsurgical anastomosis on v.a a. facialis





Overall survival – 8 year, good QOL



- 2009 Adjuvant CHRT
- Fololow up by NMR/ CT
- 11/2012 swelling of head on contralateral side sinusitis frontalis a etmoidalis with periorbital swelling
- Histology middle turbinate: Chronic inflammatory changesd, withou tumor
- Exitus letalis 11.4.2017 low diff. ductal adenocarcinoma of head of pancreas



Carcinoma maxillae (T₄)













Cancer of epipharynx (C 11) - TNM classification

- **T1**. Tumour confined to nasopharynx
- T2. Tumour extends to soft tissues
- T2a. Tumour extends to oropharynx and/or nasal cavity without parapharyngeal extension*
- T2b. Tumour with parapharyngeal extension*







Cancer of epipharynx (C 11) - TNM classification

- T3 Tumour invades bony structures and/or paranasal sinuses
- T4 Tumour with intracranial extension and/or involvement of cranial nerves, infratemporal fossa, hypopharynx, orbit, or masticator space







N – Regional lymph node (nasopharynx)

NX Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed

NO regional lymph node metastasis

- N1 Unilateral metastasis, in lymph node(s), 6 cm or less in greatest dimension, above the supraclavicular fossa
- N2 Bilateral metastasis in lymph node(s), 6 cm or less in greatest dimension, above the supraclavicular fossa
- N3 Metastasis in lymph node(s) greater than 6 cm in dimension or in the supraclavicular fossa N3a. greater than 6 cm in dimension N3b. in the supraclavicular fossa Note: Midline nodes are considered ipsilateral nodes.



Cancer of epipharynx invading roof, extending into torus tubaris – T₂









Tumors of epipharynx - histologic findings

Carcinomas (WHO classification) –

- Type 1 carcinoma spinocellulare with keratinisation
- Type 2 carcinoma spinocellulare without keratinization
- Type 3 low differentiated or undifferentiated carcinomas
- Tumors of soft tissue: Juvenile angiofibroma, paraganglioma (chemodectoma).
- Malignant lymphoma
- Miscellanea: melanoblastomas, chordomas, craniopharygneomas, neuroblastomas



Lymphoepithelioma of epipharynx (Schmincke- Regaud)





Food habits: salt fish (nitrosamins), croton oil – promotors of some lymphoblastic clons virus Epstein Barr (EB virus)





- Ear sensation of fullness in ear, worsening of hearing, tinnitus, pain in the ear
- Nose obstruction, bleeding
- Pharyngeal sensation of foreign body
- Eye diplopy, ophthalmoplegia
- Neurologic trigeminal hypesthesia,
- Trotter trias: trigeminal neuralgia, hypacusis conductiva, asymetry of soft palate from paresis on involved side.

Clinical finding: bumpy, exulcerated, rough, mostly exophytic tissue in epipharynx







- Cancer, current protocol: Curretage of epipharynx + concomitant chemoradiotherapy. 55 - 70 Gy.
 Eventually neck dissection (in case of persistence arter CHRT)
- Lymphomas radiotherapy 40-45 Gy.


Oral cavity anatomic sublocalisations

- Lips
- Mucosa membrane of lips and cheek
- Retro molar region
- Bucoalveolar sulcus
- Superior alveolus and gingiva
- Inferior alveolus and gingiva
- Hard palate
- Tongue before papillae circumvallate
- Base of oral cavity



- TNM borders 2cm -4 cm, infiltration of corticalis ane deep muscles of tongue
- Important thickness of tumor– even in clinically negat. neck in tumor more than 5mm thick neck dissection necessary
- Infiltration of bone T4
- Reconstruction with help of tongue or cheek flaps or soft palate or microsurgery flaps





Laser surgery of tongue

















what we knew

Cancer of pharynx and larynx were considered to have the same cause - smoking...



what we have learnt

Many of epidemiologic studies of molecular pathology document, that human papillomavirus (HPV), especially type 16 is etiologically connected with oropharyngeal cancer

Gillison 2009



HPV and prognosis of OSCC

Prognosis of HPV related cancer is better than tobacco related cancer. Expression of p16 in HNSCC marked group of HPV induced tumors with good prognosis



Treatment of HPV positive OSCC

✓ Organ saving strategy should be more successful.

Better response on induction chemo and chemoRT

Fakhry J Nat Inst 2008: 100, 261



Comparison of HPV+ a HPV- tumors

	HPV+	HPV -
Incidence	$\mathbf{\uparrow}$	\checkmark
Age	<50	50-70
Risk factors	oral sex	smoking, alcohol
Histology	low differentiated, nonkeratinizing, bazaloid	middle to good differentiated, keratinizing
Markers	p16	p53
TNM klassification	Lower T N++	higher T N+
Metastasis in		
lymphnodes	cystic	more homogenous
Chemoradiosenzitivity	high	lower
Prognosis	good	worse
OS (5 let)	>80%	< 40-50%



Tumors of oropharynx symptoms

At least half year without clinical symptoms:

- Painful dysphagia
- Pain in the ear
- Feeling of foreign body in the pharynx
- bleeding
- trismus

Clinical finding: hard knot covered with muco membrane (induration of the tonsil), later ulceration, oral fetor. Important – unilateral changes, palpation !





histology: low diferentiated nonkeratinising squamocelular cancer p16 negative MKN: C051 MKN-O: M-8070/3 3





Retromolar trigonum cancer T2

Ca spino palati molle T1



Left tonsil cancer









Cancer of the base of the tongue





Tumors of oropharynx TNM classification

- T1. Tumour 2 cm or less in greatest dimension
- T2. Tumour more than 2 cm but not more than 4 cm in greatest dimension

T3. Tumor more than 4 cm in greatest dimension

T4a. Tumor invades any of the following: larynx deep/ extrinsic muscle of tongue (genioglossus, hyoglossus, palatoglossus, and styloglossus), medial pterygoid, hard palate, and mandible

T4b. Tumor invades any of the following: lateral pterygoid muscle, pterygoid plates, lateral nasopharynx, skull base; or encases the carotid artery





Radically resected tumors

Radical surgery (safe margins, R₀) + neck dissection+ actinotherapy vs. Primary nonsurgical treatment Actinotherapy LD 55-60 Gy + boost 10-15 Gy + chemotherapy in risk factors, always prophylactic lymph node actinotherapy.

Lymphomas 40-45 Gy.

Advanced not radically resected tumors

Palliative radiotherapy or chemo-radiotherapy with attempt of curative treatment or only BSC



Routes of access for tumors of the mouth and pharynx

Transoral(1)

Limited indications – small accessible tumors

External approaches saving mandible (3-5)

- Lateral pharyngotomy
- Suprahyoid median pharyngotomy

External approaches with mandibulotomy (-ectomy) (2)

- Lateral pharyngotomy with removal of mandibular angle
- Trans mandibular buco-pharyngectomy (BPTM)
- BPTM with resection o lateral mandible segment





Ca spino gingivae of mandibulae left – pT2N2bM0. Partial mandibulectomy without discontinuance







Bucopharyngectomy