



Early Diagnosis and Diagnostic Delay in Oral Cancer

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Oral and oropharyngeal cancer is the sixth most common malignancy, with an estimated annual mortality from oral cancer of 177,384 people in 2018. Five-year survival rates for this neoplasm have stayed below 50% during the past few decades despite the undeniable diagnostic and therapeutic contributions made by the scientific community to improve this situation. Oral cancer is mainly diagnosed at advanced stages, a fact that influences survival, as it has been reported that if these tumors were to be treated at earlier stages, survival rates would increase by up to 80%.

Thus, strategies to achieve early diagnoses and treatment may have a significant impact not only on patient survival but also on the morbidity and economic burden of the disease.

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