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# **Clinical Application of Head and Neck Cancer Research**

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## **Message from the Guest Editor**

Head and neck cancer includes more than ten different cancer sites. Each site, subsite, and pathological type has unique biological characteristics, pathogenesis, clinical features, and treatment options. Despite a reduction in known risk factors in many developed countries, the rate of some cancers continues to rise. This includes skin cancers in aging populations from lifetime solar exposure, human papilloma virus induced oropharyngeal cancer, and thyroid cancer and oral cancer in younger patients with no clear etiological factors. Technological advances such as surgical robotics and immune check point inhibitors are all impacting the way that cancers of the head and neck region are managed, leading to improved survival and functional outcomes.

This Special Issue on the clinical application of head and neck cancer research is focused on (1) clinical head and neck cancer research—trials, survival outcomes, cancer staging, innovations and advances, functional outcomes, patient reported outcomes, patient education and survivorship; and (2) fundamental research with real world application that impacts how patients with head and neck cancer are managed.













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