

The changing face of Head & Neck Cancer



The head and neck region is an aesthetically and functionally critical area of the body. The impacts of cancer in this region are far reaching. Treatment can take away basic abilities like speaking, eating, breathing and swallowing. For some it can result in facial disfigurement that cannot be hidden by clothing. The presentation of Head and Neck Cancer (HNC) may be non-specific and as a result symptoms and signs of HNC may be missed by primary care providers. Furthermore, the demographics of HNC are changing. Anyone could be a HNC patient, it is not just about age, alcohol consumption or smoking status.

The Changing Face of Head and Neck Cancer is a video-based education module focusing on increasing awareness of HNC to improve your confidence with regards to prompt patient identification and optimal referral to a specialist for further management.

The module also includes information and resources to help general practitioners better support people who are newly diagnosed and those living with its unique long term side effects.



Learning Outcomes

By the end of this learning activity, participants will be able to:

- Describe changes in the demographics and trajectory in Head and Neck Cancer epidemiology.
- Identify specific signs and symptoms of Head and Neck Cancer in comparison to non-malignant lesions.
- Select the optimal referral pathway for patients with suspected Head and Neck Cancer.
- Outline the unique long term survivorship support needs of people living with Head and Neck Cancer.
- Perform oral and neck examination to identify signs of Head and Neck Cancer.

Meet our panel

Hear from our panel of experts as they discuss current best-practice and referral pathways for Head and Neck Cancer.



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This activity is expected to take 1 hour. **Short on time?** You don't have to complete this activity in one session. Your session will be automatically saved and you can continue from where you left off in your own time.



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