

Oral Cancer, Symptoms, Management and Risk Factors edited by renowned head and neck oncologic surgeon Professor Sheng-Po Hao is a timely publication that focuses on the multidisciplinary team approach to the care of the oral cancer patient. The book, although authored by international experts, draws primarily from a vast experience with oral cancer in Taiwan and emphasizes a collaborative approach that members of the editor's multimodality health care team have utilized to improve patient outcomes.

Eighteen chapters thoroughly cover the basics of the epidemiology of oral cancer and its policy implications related to betel quid chewing, oral cavity carcinogenesis, and tumor biomarkers. Approaches to chemoprevention, and prognostic factors are included. The chapters that cover the evaluation of the oral cavity patient emphasize the importance of contemporary imaging modalities and early clinical detection with advanced endoscopy methods including narrow-band imaging. Chapters focused on oral cancer treatment stress the importance of primary surgery and reconstruction. Also included are excellent chapters on photodynamic therapy and brachytherapy. Radiotherapy applications and targeted therapy are also covered well. The common sequela of the treatment of oral cancer, oral mucositis, is thoroughly covered from its basis to its management.

This book will be a helpful addition to the library of any member of a multidisciplinary oral cancer care team. Professor Hao has shared with us an important perspective and rich experience from Taiwan in the management of patients affected with oral cancer.

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