



# **CRANIOFACIAL MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS**

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# Oral Cancer



## Description of site

## ICD-10

Lips

C00

Base of tongue

C01

Other unspecified parts of tongue

C02

Gums

C03

Floor of the mouth

C04

Palate

C05

Other parts of the mouth

C06



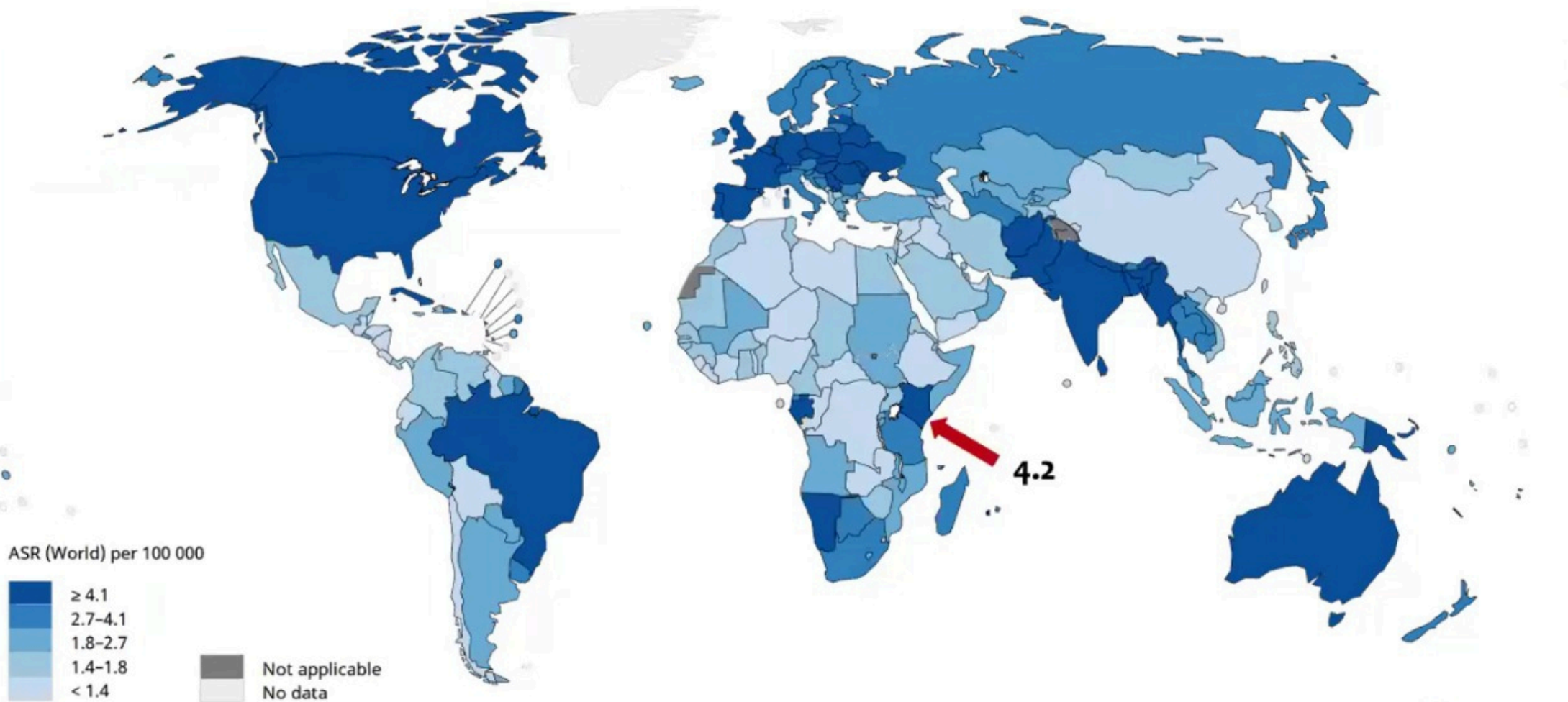


# Epidemiology



- 2 -3% of all malignancies
- Higher incidence in LMIC/LIC than VHI/HI countries
- Highest incidence in India, South America, Oceania
- 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> decade (Younger in LMIC/LIC)
- M>F\*

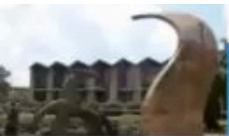
# Estimated age-standardized incidence rates (World) in 2018, lip, oral cavity, both sexes, all ages



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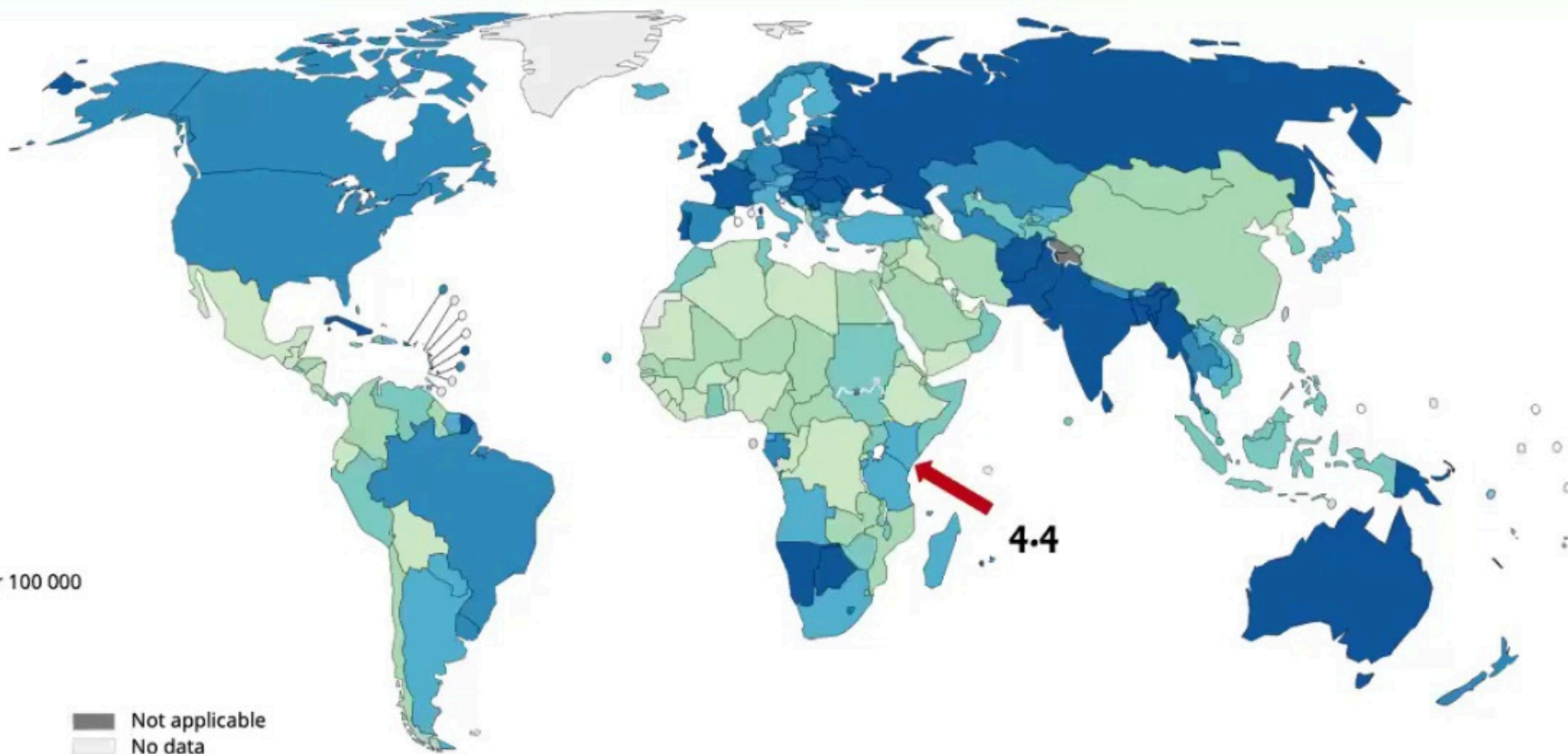
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# MALE ASR

Age standardized (World) incidence rates, lip, oral cavity, males, all ages

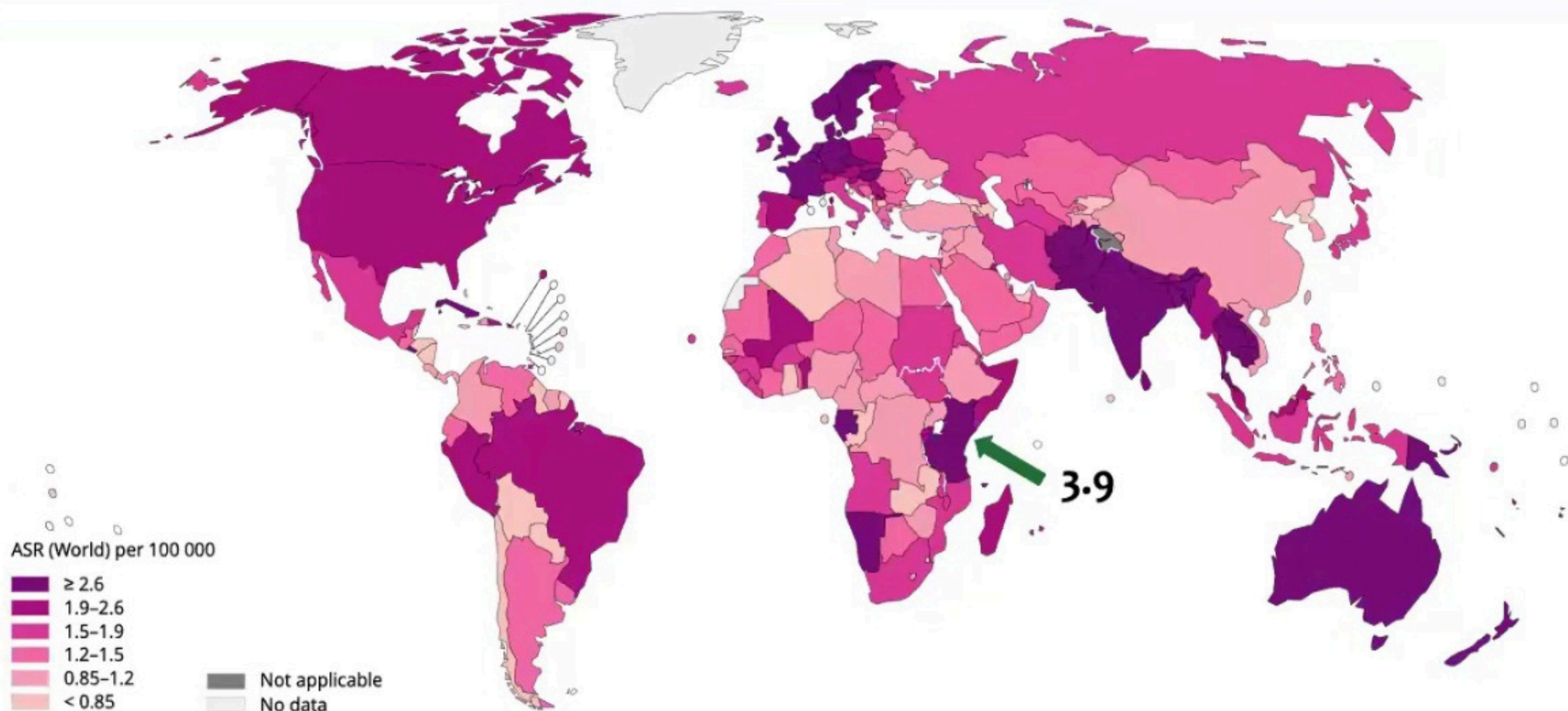


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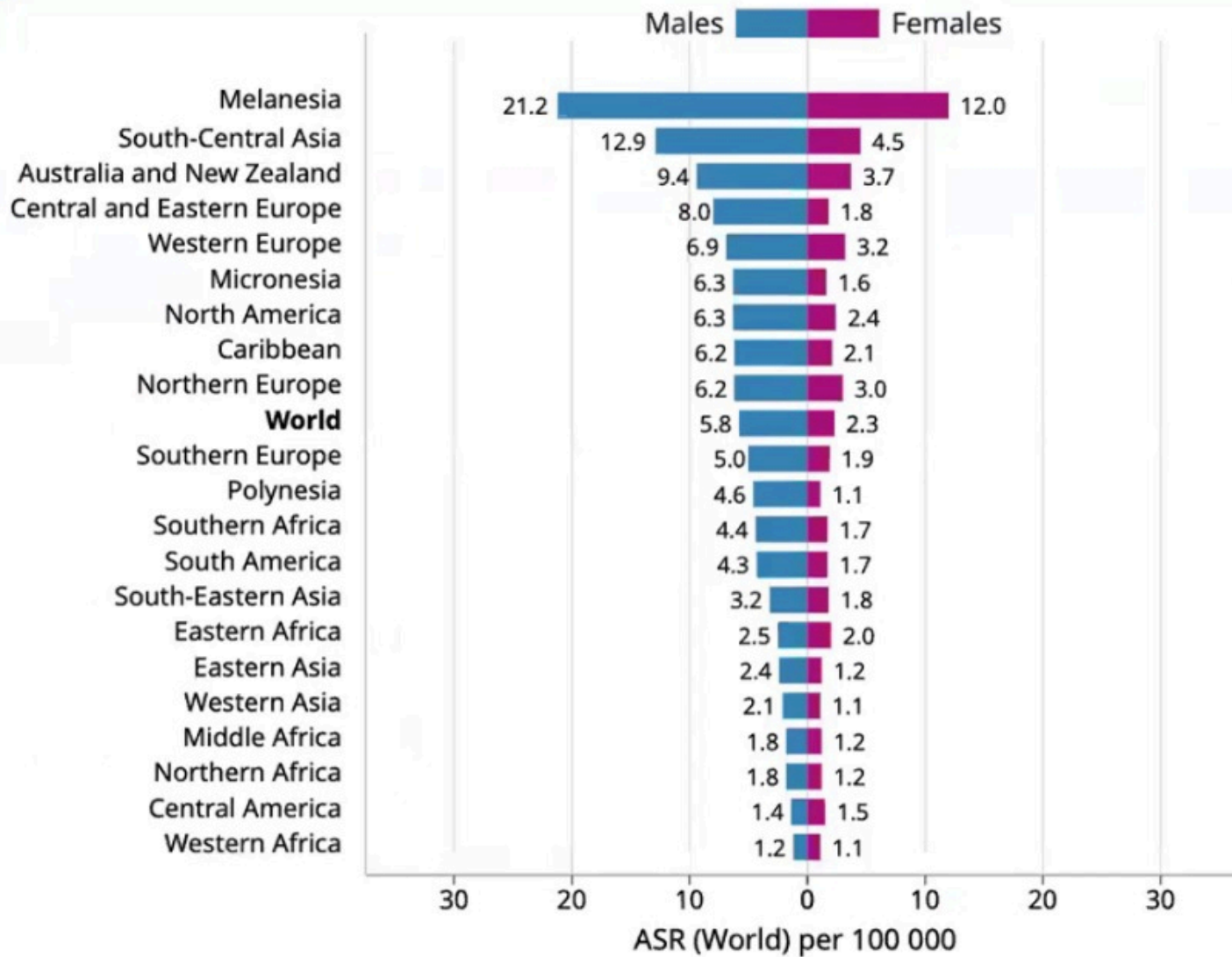
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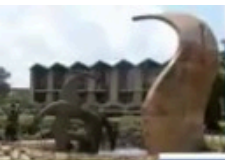


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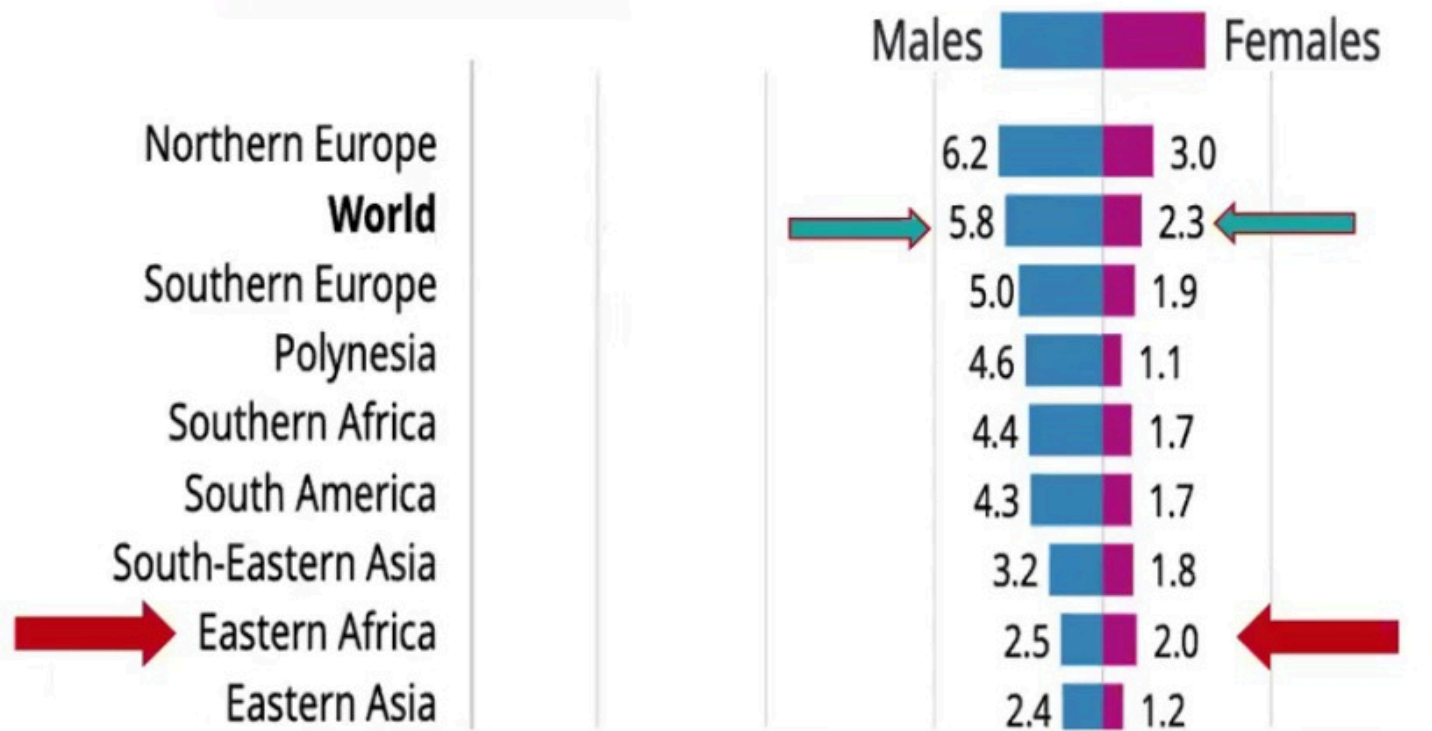
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## Age standardized (World) incidence rates, lip, oral cavity, by sex

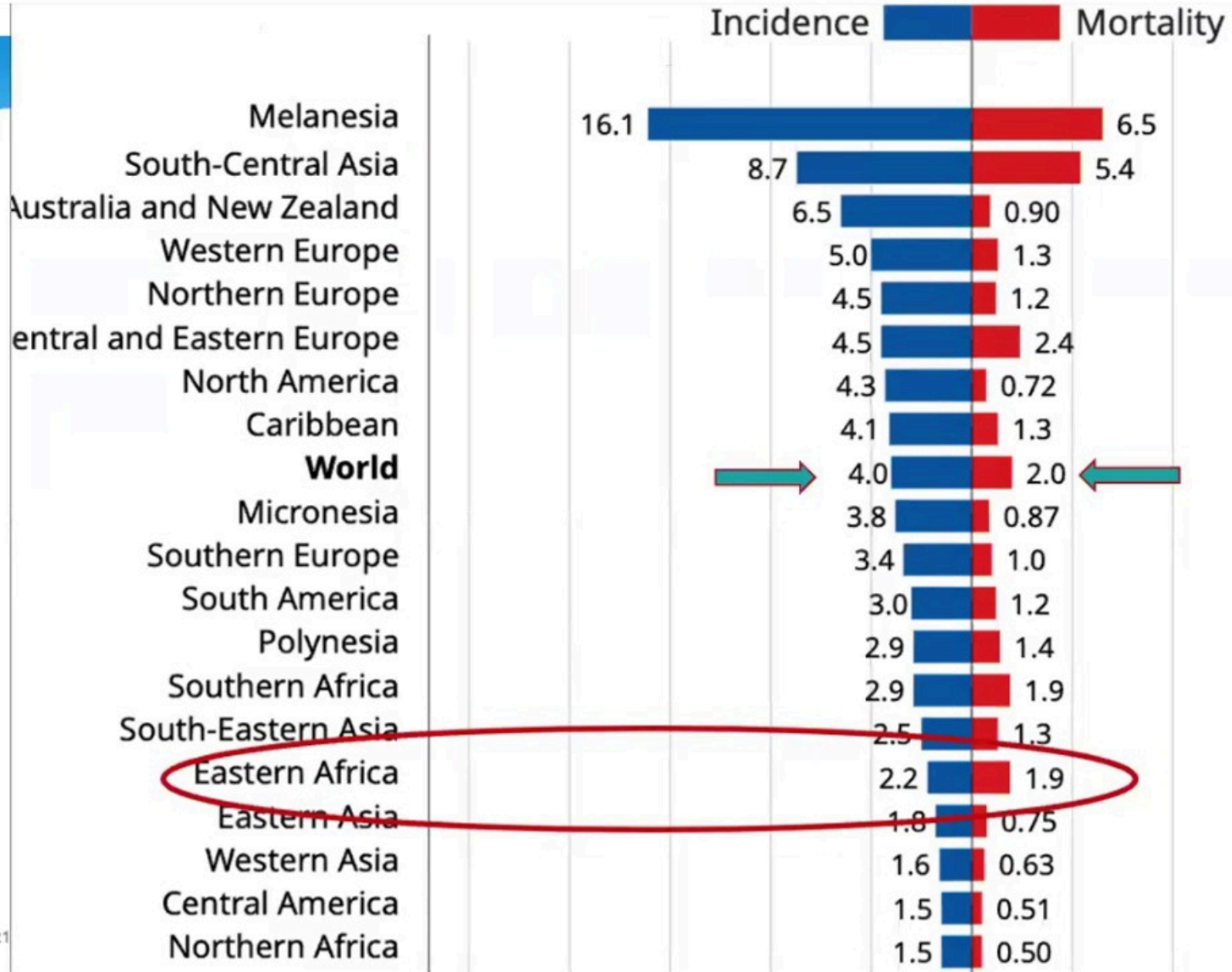




# Age standardized (World) incidence rates, lip, oral cavity, by sex









# RISK FACTORS



- Tobacco
- Alcohol
- Tobacco and alcohol
- Betel quid  $\pm$  tobacco
- Potentially Malignant Conditions
- History of Cancer of the Head & Neck region
- Human Papillomavirus 16



## Other Factors



- **Previous oral cancer**
- **Family h/o HNSCC**
- **Sun exposure\***
- **Weakened immune system**
- **Poor oral health**



## Other Factors



- **Inherited conditions**
- **Diet low in fruit and vegetables**
- **Obesity**
- **Chronic inflammation**





# Risk Factors: Tobacco



- **Tenfold risk for smoker compared to NEVER-SMOKER**
- **Cigarette smokers: RR X10 in men, X5 in women**
- **Dose dependent**
- **>75% Oral cancer patients have h/o tobacco use at KNH**
- **Cigarette, pipe, cigar, smokeless, SHISHA**



# Risk Factors: Alcohol



- Less than tobacco
- X5 increased risk for those who drink  $\geq 5$  alcoholic beverages/day compared to teetotallers
- Beer, hard liquor > wine
- Dose related



## Risk Factors: Alcohol + Tobacco



- **Two to three times Greater than the multiplicative effect of smoking and drinking;**
- **X35 risk in heavy smokers ( $\geq 2$  packs of cigarettes/day) and heavy drinkers ( $> 4$  drinks/day) compared to never-smoked, never-drink people**

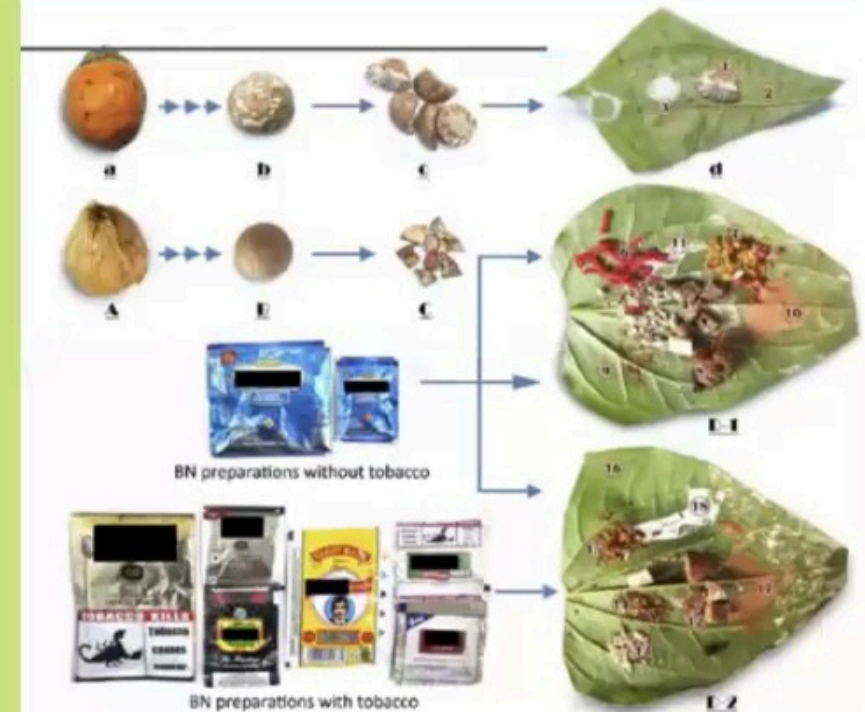




# Betel Quid



- **What is betel nut?**
- Fruit of the Areca tree (*Areca catechu*)  
Also referred to as Areca nut
- **What is betel QUID?**
- It is a product made from betel nut and other substances
- **How is it used?**
- There are many different preparations  
[This paper](#) summaries it very well.



[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/230716358\\_Association\\_of\\_Betel\\_Nut\\_with\\_Carcinogenesis\\_Revisit\\_with\\_a\\_Clinical\\_Perspective/figures](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/230716358_Association_of_Betel_Nut_with_Carcinogenesis_Revisit_with_a_Clinical_Perspective/figures)





# ..betel nut



- Many different preparations, BUT contains:
  - Betel nut
  - Betel leaf
  - Slaked lime
- May also contain:
  - Tobacco (*flakes, powder, paste: ± processed*)
  - Spices (*cardamom, cloves, anise*)
  - Sweetener



<https://d36zfg4d500s0g.cloudfront.net/cache/images/DT/up/dt/2017/11/betel-quid-780-1-1188x668-.jpg>



# Human Papillomavirus



- **Greatest Risk for oropharyngeal carcinoma**
- **Type 16 > 18**
- **Independent of tobacco/alcohol risk**
- **Odds ratio of 2 in oral cancer, x16 in oropharyngeal**



# POTENTIALLY MALIGNANT LESIONS



- Oral lichen planus –Erosive type
- Oral leukoplakia
- Erythroplakia







# Interventions with Decreased Risk

## 1. Tobacco cessation:

- Moderate/larger magnitude in risk
- decreased risk compared to never smoker in 20yrs or more after cessation
- 50% decrease in risk within 5 to 10yrs

## 2. Alcohol cessation: Moderate reduction. ~ Evidence

## 3. HPV vaccination... ..?

- >90% reduction in infection 4 yrs after vaccination
- Effect on incidence of oral cancer still unknown





# Interventions: Tobacco Cessation



- **Tobacco cessation:**
  - **Counselling - odds ratio 1.56**
  - **Physician advice – 1.66**
  - **Nicotine replacement Therapy (NRT) over 6 months  
RR 1.58**
  - **Bupropion**
  - **Varenicline**

# Effectiveness of Treatments for tobacco dependence



<b>Intervention (source)</b>	<b>Comparator</b>	<b>Odds Ratio (95% C.I.)</b>
<b>Self-help</b>	<b>No intervention</b>	<b>1.24(1.07-1.45)</b>
<b>Physician advice</b>	<b>Brief advice vs. no advice</b>	<b>1.66(1.42-1.94)</b>
	<b>Intensive advice vs. no advice</b>	<b>1.84(1.60-2.13)</b>
<b>Nursing intervention</b>	<b>Usual care</b>	<b>1.28(1.18 to 1.38)</b>
<b>Individual counselling</b>	<b>Minimal behavioural intervention</b>	<b>1.39(1.24 to 1.57)</b>
<b>Group therapy</b>	<b>Self-help programme</b>	<b>1.98(1.60-2.46)</b>
<b>Quit and Win contests</b>	<b>Baseline community rate</b>	

Source: Cochrane reviews

# Effectiveness of pharmacological treatments for tobacco dependence



<b>Intervention (source)</b>	<b>Comparator</b>	<b>Odd ratio (95% C.I.)</b>
<b>Nicotine replacement therapy</b>	<b>Placebo or non-NRT</b>	<b>1.58(1.50-1.66)</b>
<b>Bupropion</b>	<b>Placebo</b>	<b>1.69(1.53 to 1.85)</b>
<b>Varenicline</b>	<b>Placebo</b>	<b>2.27 (2.02 to 2.55)</b>
<b>Cytisine</b>	<b>Placebo</b>	<b>3.98 (2.01 to 7.87)</b>
<b>Clonidine</b>	<b>Placebo</b>	<b>1.63 (1.22 to 2.18)</b>
<b>Nortriptyline</b>	<b>Placebo</b>	<b>2.03 (1.48 to 2.78)</b>





# Tobacco Cessation: What should you do?



- Document smoking status
- Evaluate willingness to quit, assist set quit date
- Provide Brief cessation intervention (5 As)
  - **(Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, Arrange)**
  - Social support from you
  - Skills training/ coping mechanisms
  - Pharmacotherapy



# SCREENING



## Visual Examination

- You are more likely to offer counselling, but less likely to examine the mouth
- You see the mouth more often than the dentists
- You are more likely to see high-risk patients

## Toluidine Blue, Brush cytology

- Inconclusive

## Scalpel Biopsy

- Gold Standard
- Invasive

## Harm:

- Over-diagnosis
- Psychological effects of false +ve
- Misdiagnosis



# Clinical Presentation



- Depends on:
  - Location
  - Extent of tumour
  - Stage at presentation





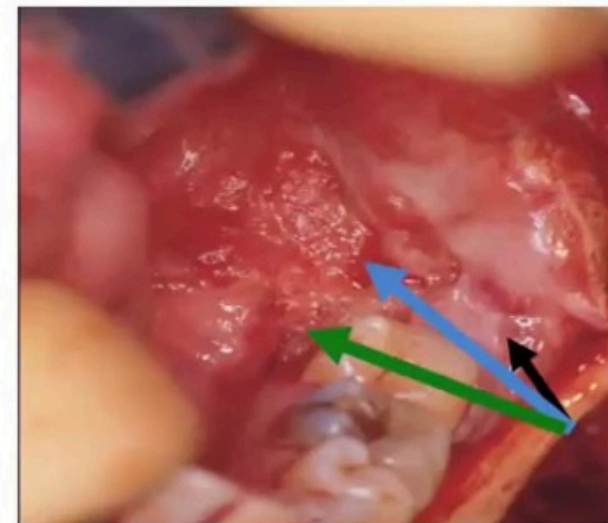
# PRESENTATION



- Asymptomatic
- Potentially malignant lesion
- Early stage lesion
- More advanced
- **Site:** tongue>FOM>alveolus>other sites

# Clinical presentation..

- Oral mucosa:
  - Ulcerative.
  - Exophytic.
  - Endophytic. Red, velvety
  - Proliferative.





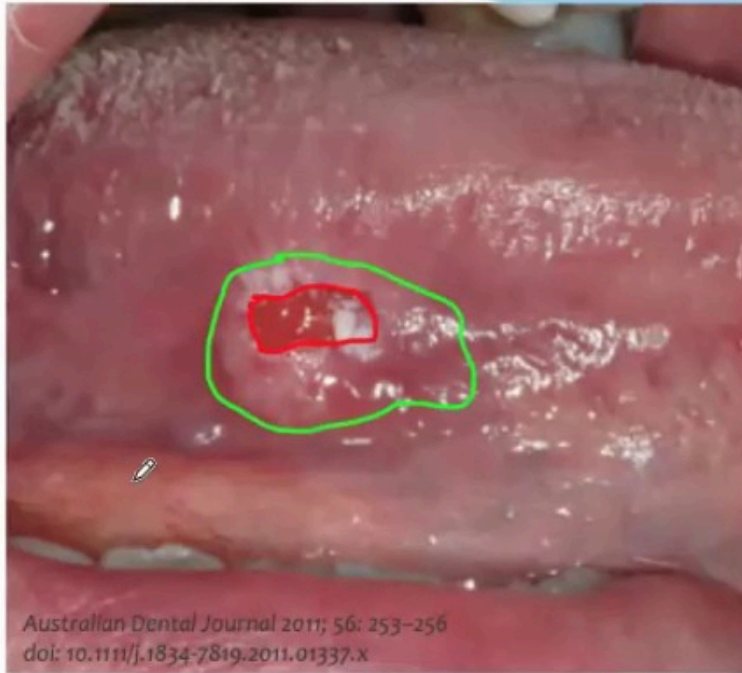
# Stage at presentation

## ◆ Early lesion

- Routine finding
- Non-healing ulcers
- $\pm$  pain, bleeding
- Easily confused for non-neoplastic lesions







*Australian Dental Journal* 2011; 56: 253-256  
doi: 10.1111/j.1834-7819.2011.01337.x

**Early cancer on lateral border of tongue**



# Early Presentation



- ◆ What else could it be?
  - Infection
  - Aphthous ulcer
  - Ill-fitting denture
  - Non-healing extraction site
  - Trauma

# Late Presentation

- Difficulty chewing, swallowing
- ++pain, otalgia,
- Progressive trismus
- Halitosis

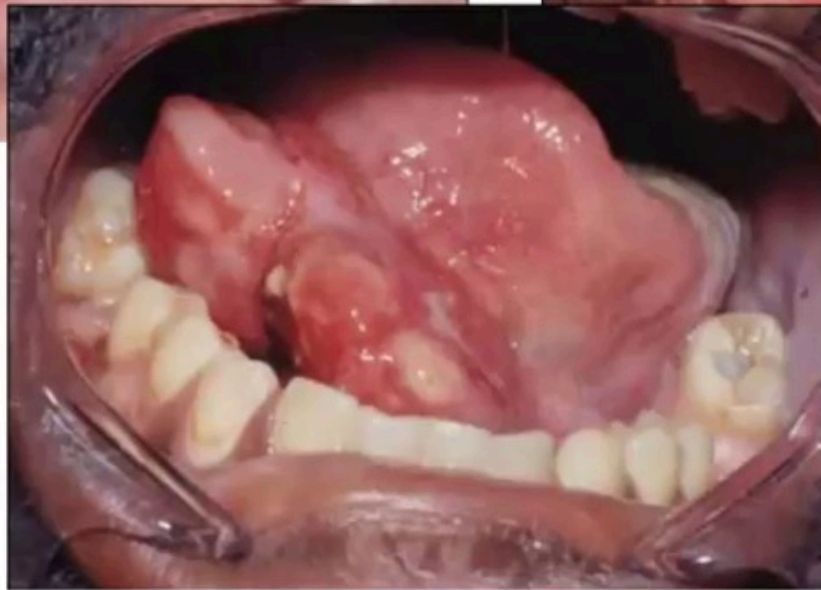
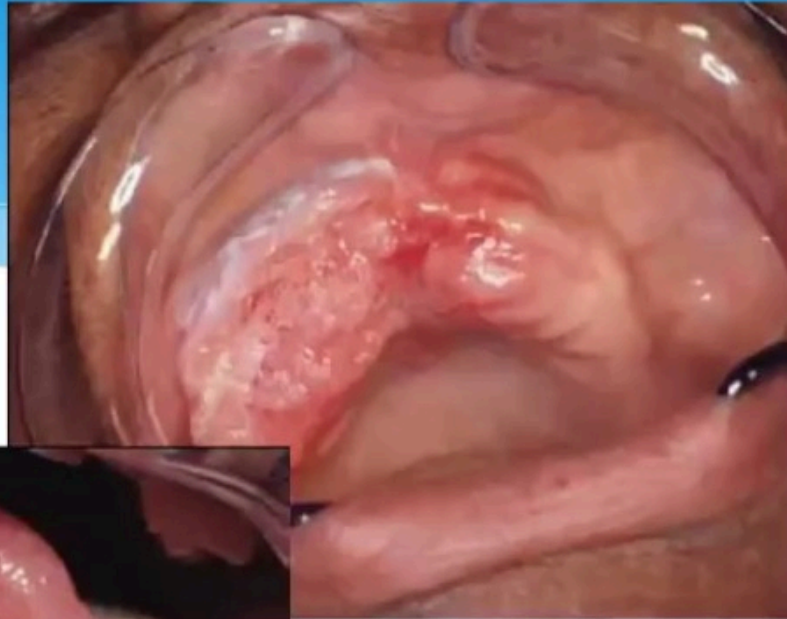






- Restricted tongue movement,
- Paraesthesia/anaesthesia
- Speech changes







# DIAGNOSIS

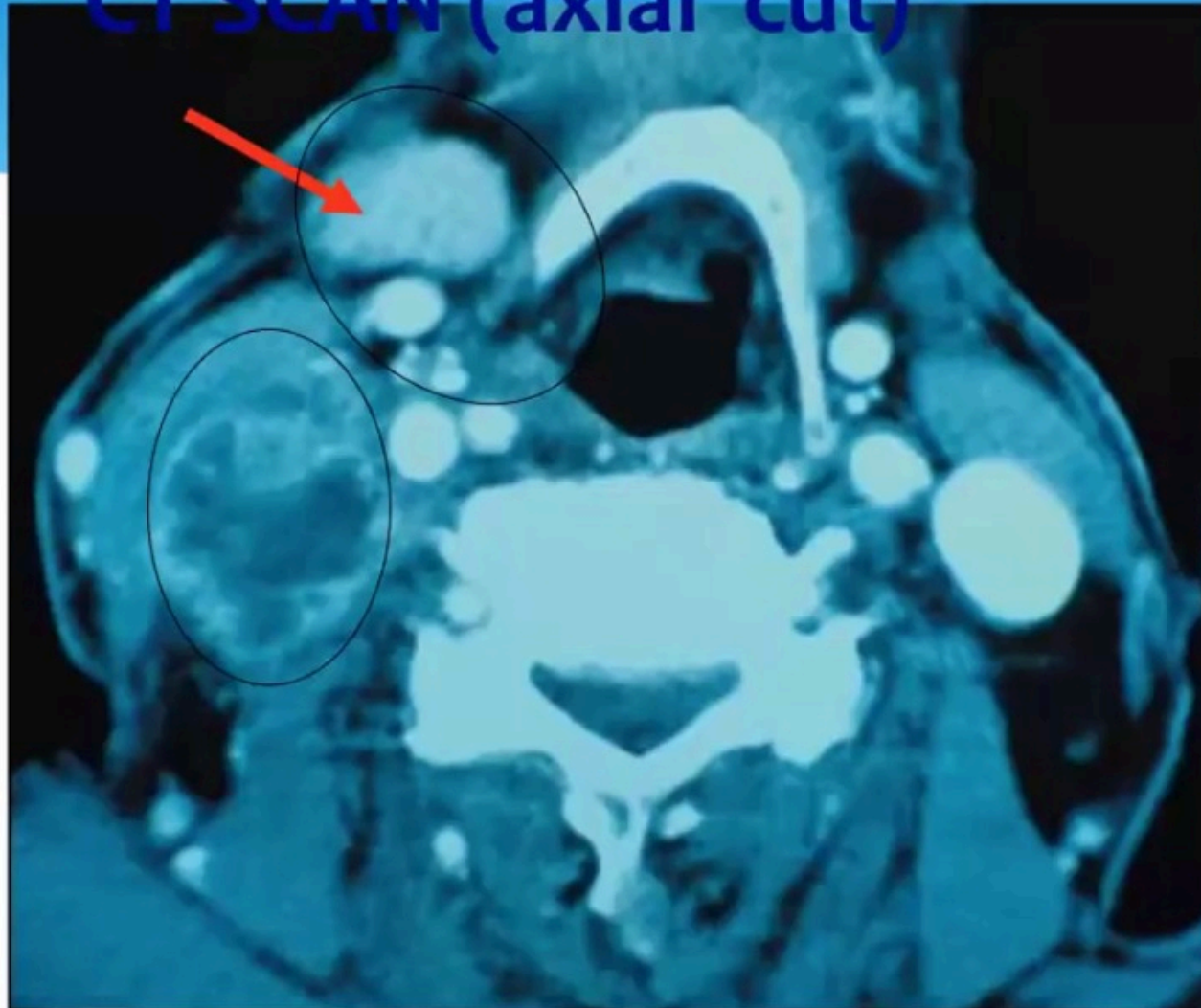


- **Stage At Diagnosis** is single most important prognostic factor
- **DIAGNOSIS:**
  - Clinical examination
  - Imaging
  - Histopathological diagnosis





## CT SCAN (axial cut)





# CT



- **3- to 5-mm slices from the skull base to clavicles**
- **Radiographic markers**
- **lymph node size, shape, and central necrosis**
- **abnormal when > 1.5 cm in the jugulo-digastric region or > 1 cm in other regions**



## Ultrasound

- Inexpensive
- Well tolerated
- High sensitivity and specificity
- N<sub>0</sub>
- Good **initial guide**

## MRI

- Advantage: viewing the neck and 1<sup>0</sup> tumour in planes not available by CT
- Difficulty: time and motionlessness required

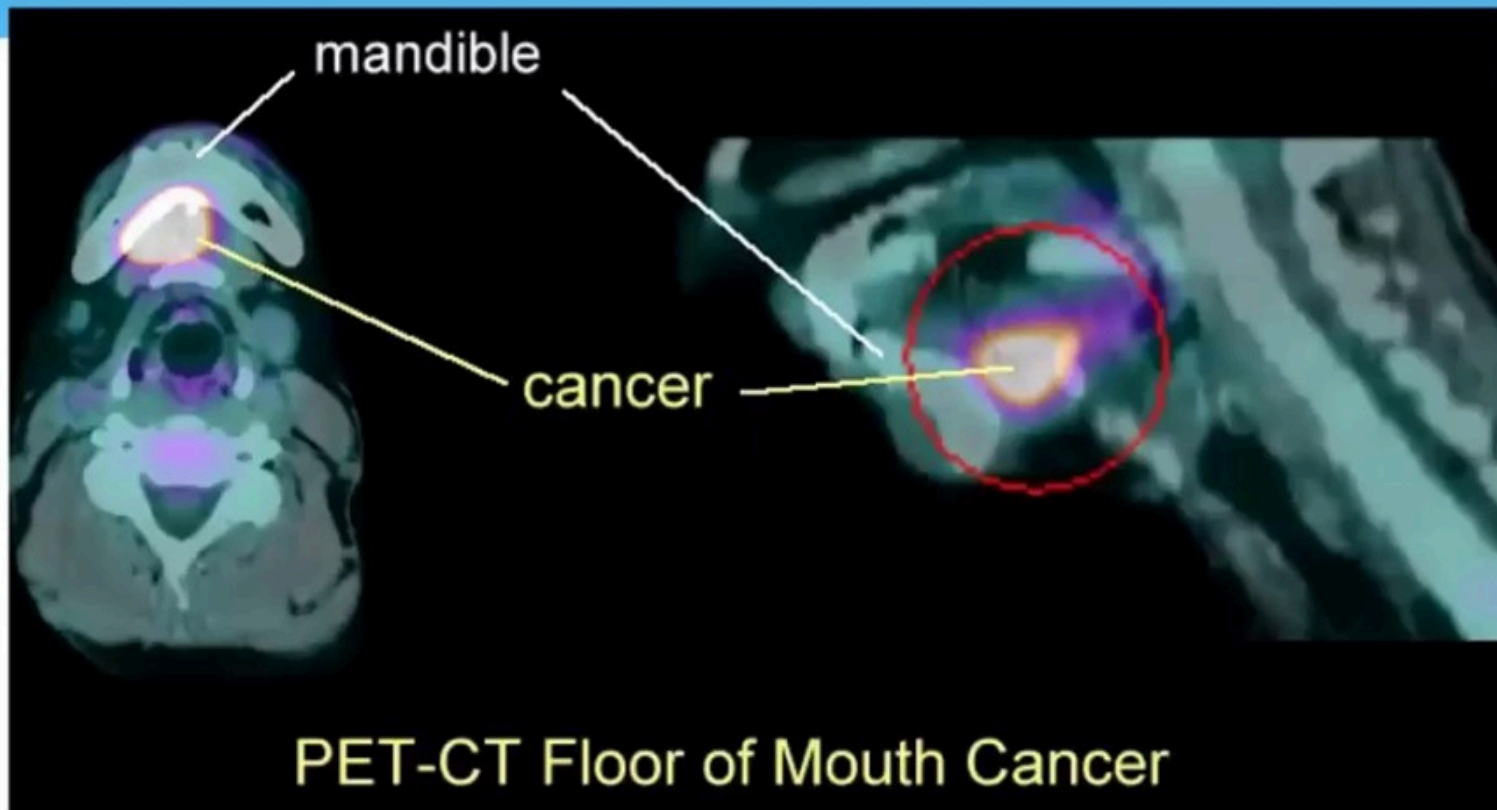




# PET

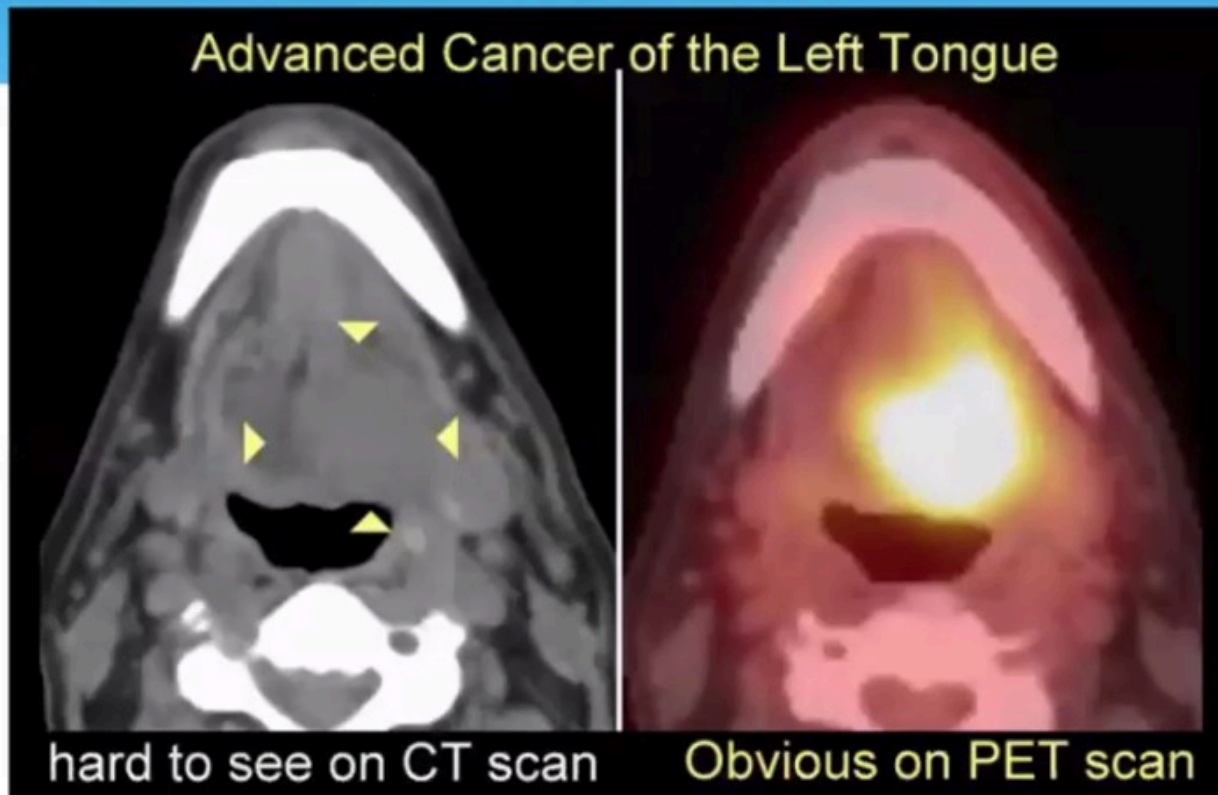


- **Relies on enhanced metabolic activity of abnormal tissue**
- **High S&S**
- **$N_0$**
- **?cancerous vs reactive inflammatory lesions**



[http://www.aboutcancer.com/fom\\_pet\\_sah\\_0108.jpg](http://www.aboutcancer.com/fom_pet_sah_0108.jpg)

# CT VS. PET SCAN



- [http://www.aboutcancer.com/tongue\\_pet\\_sah\\_sept\\_2006.jpg](http://www.aboutcancer.com/tongue_pet_sah_sept_2006.jpg)





# Histopathology: Tumour Grading



## **Broder's Cellular Classification:**

- **G1: Well differentiated**
- **G2: Moderately well differentiated**
- **G3: Poorly differentiated**
- **G4: Undifferentiated**



# CLASSIFICATION



- **UICC/AJCC TNM CLASSIFICATION**



# Tumour - T



- TIS Carcinoma in situ
- T1 Tumour 2cm or less in greatest dimension



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# Tumour - T

**T2: Tumour > 2cm but no more than 4cm in greatest dimension**



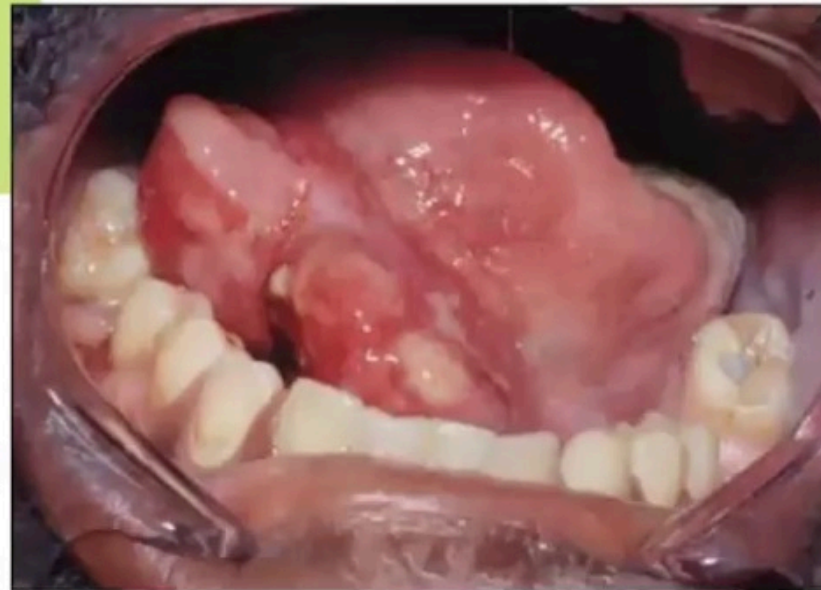




# Tumour - T



- **T3** Tumour > 4cm in greatest dimension
- **T4** Tumour with direct extension



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# Nodes - N



- **N0:**
- **No evidence of regional lymph node involvement**



# N1



- **Metastasis to ipsilateral lymph node no more than 3cm diameter**



# N2



- **N2a**            **Metastasis to single ipsilateral lymph node >3 cm & < 6 cm diameter**
- **N2b**            **Metastases in multiple ipsilateral lymph nodes, none > 6 cm**
- **N2c**            **Metastases in bilateral or contralateral lymph nodes, none > 6 cm**





# N3



- **N3 Metastases in lymph nodes > 6 cm diameter**



# Tumour Node Metastases Stage



<b>T</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>STAGE</b>
T1	No	Mo	1
T2	No	Mo	2
T3	No	Mo	3
T1-3	<b>N1</b>	Mo	3
<b>T4</b>	No	Mo	4
T (any)	<b>N2</b>	Mo	4
T (any)	<b>N3</b>	Mo	4
T (any)	N (any)	<b>M1</b>	4

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# Incidence and Prognosis



Stage	Incidence (%)	5 yr survival (%)
1	17.7	77
2	12.9	76
3	61.3	44
4	8.1	20



# Treatment Aims



- Curative
- Palliative





# R<sub>x</sub> Aims



## **Curative** intent:

- To remove all disease
- To remove all known risk factors
- To improve survival
- To prevent recurrence
- To maximise quality of life

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# Treatment Aims



## **Palliative** intent:

- To remove all known risk factors
- To reduce tumour size
- To prevent continued increase in size
- To maximise quality of life



# Factors Affecting Outcomes



- Stage at presentation
- Presence of nodal & distant metastases



# Histopath. Factors:

- Tumour depth
- Tumour grade
- Surgical margin status
- Pattern of invasion
- Perineural or lymphovascular invasion



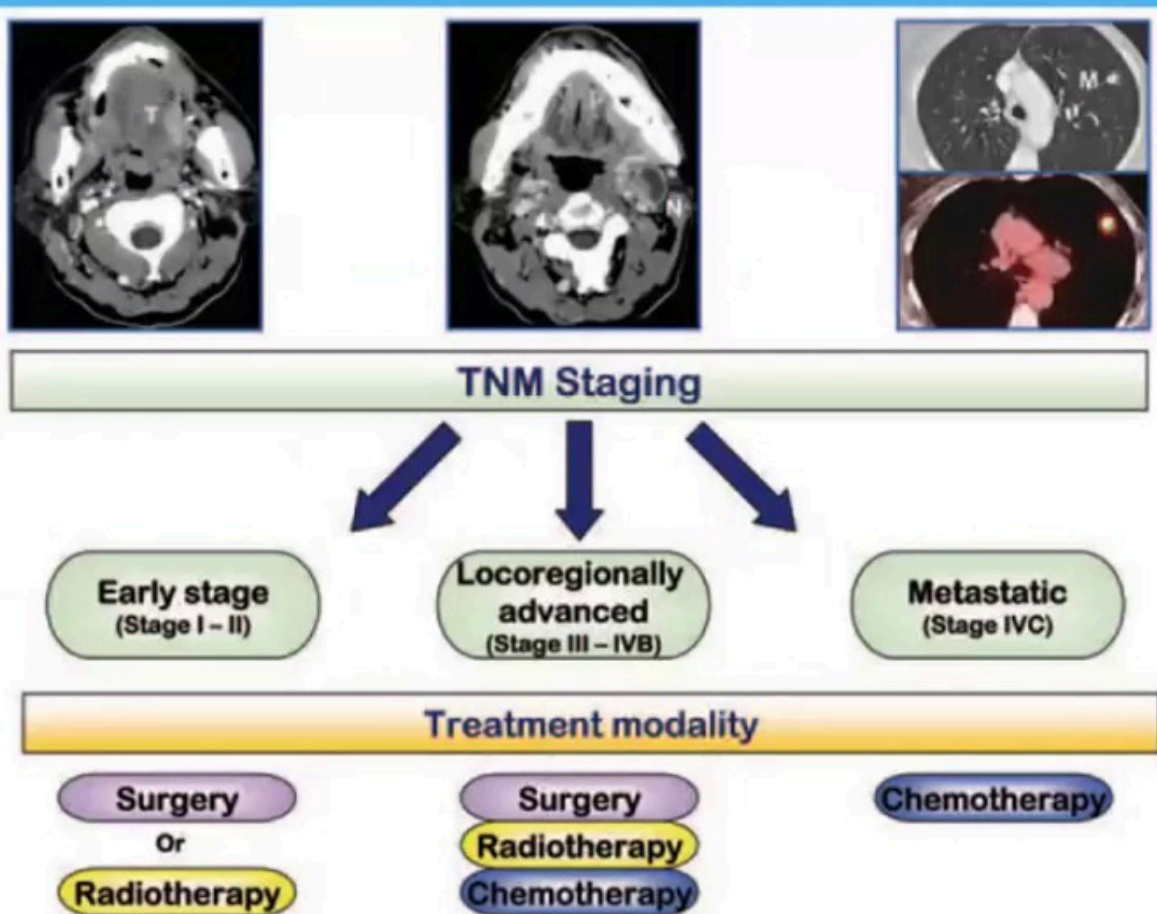


# Std Treatment



- **Stage 1 Surgery and/or radiotherapy**
- **Stage 2 1<sup>0</sup> surgery and radiotherapy**
- **Stage 3 1<sup>0</sup> surgery and post-op RT**
- **Stage 4 1<sup>0</sup> surgery and post-op RT Or chemorad.**

# Treatment modalities

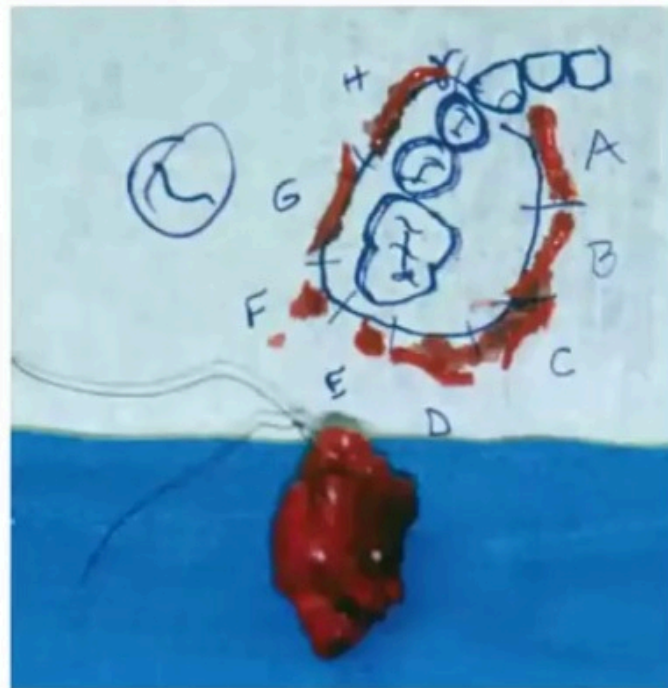




# Surgical Resection



- Resect tumour with margin of 1 -1.5cm
- Obtain margins from specimen **or** wound edge





# Mx of Lymph Nodes

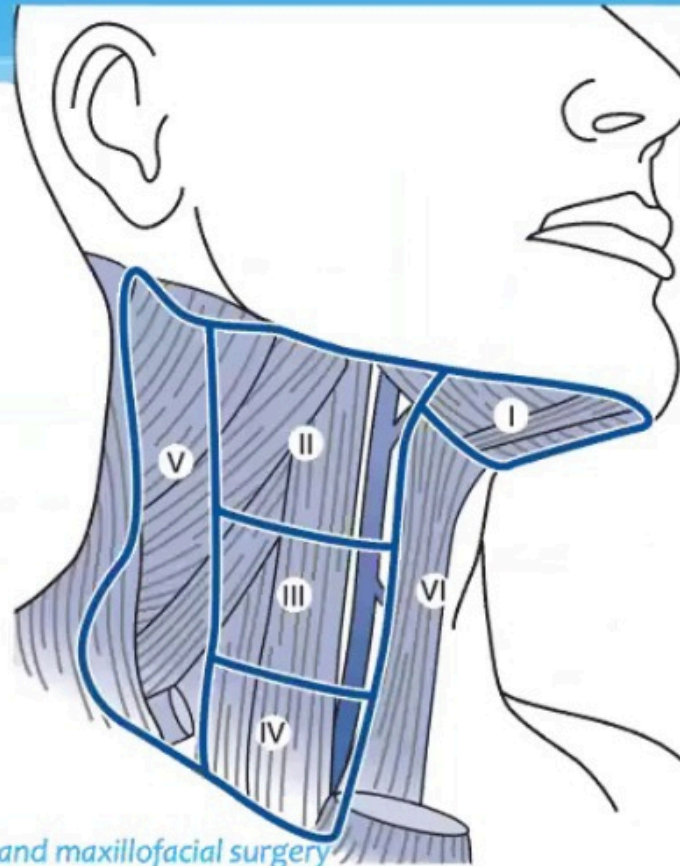


- **Objectives:**
- **Therapeutic Neck Dissection (Removal of gross disease)**
- **Elective Neck Dissection**
- **High index of suspicion of occult mets**





# Lymph node levels



*Peterson's textbook of oral and maxillofacial surgery*

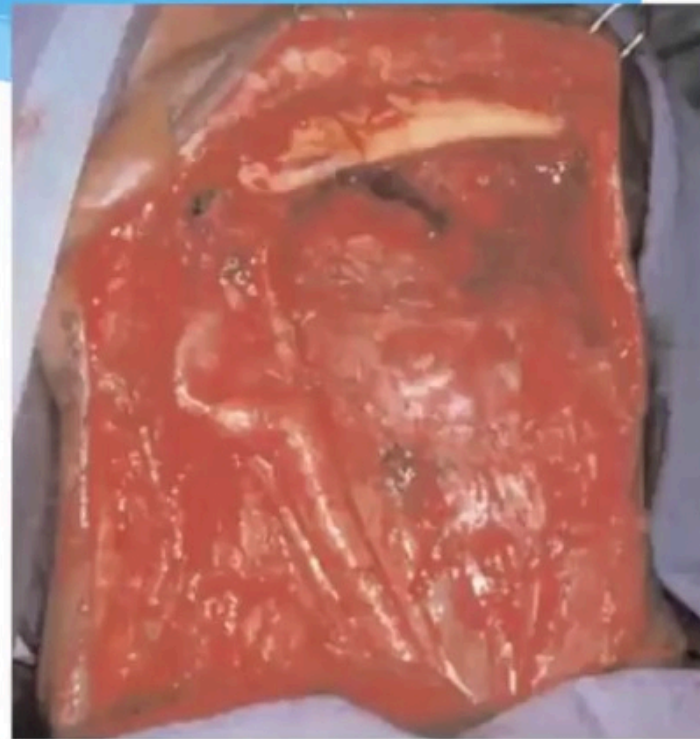
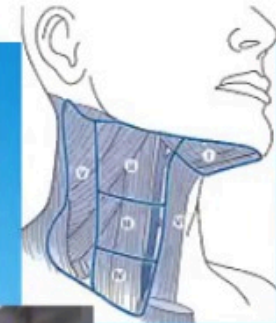


# Neck Dissection

## Radical Neck

### Dissection:

- All ipsilateral nodes levels I to V
- Includes removal of IJV, SCM muscle, spinal accessory nerve



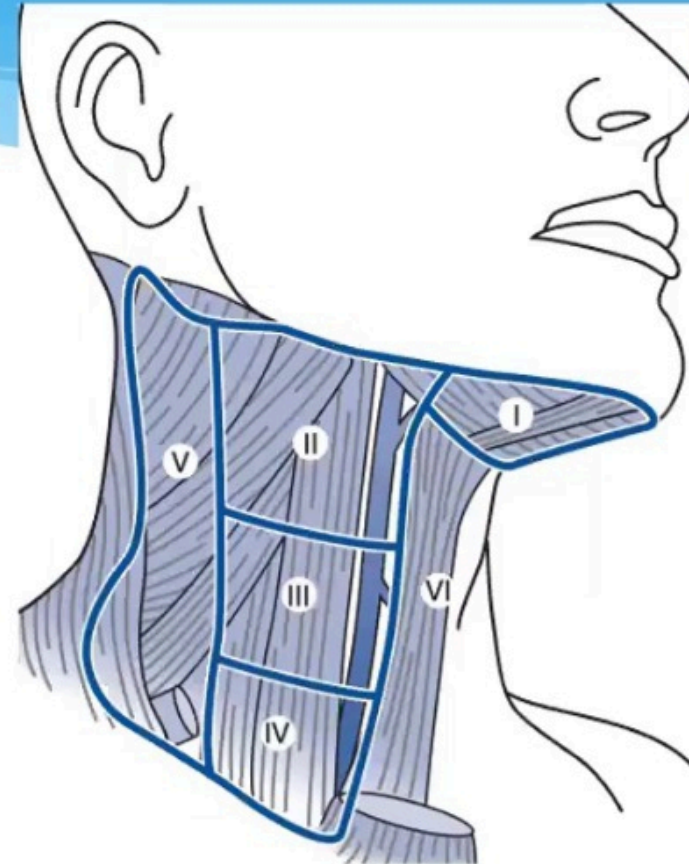


# Neck Dissection



## Modified Radical Neck Dissection

- Same as RND but preserve IJV, SCM, spinal accessory
- Type I
- Type II
- Type III
- **Extended neck dissection**







# Neck Dissection



## Selective neck dissection

