

10 FACTS ABOUT HEAD & NECK CANCER

Head and Neck Cancer account for 6% of all cancers in New Zealand.

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“Oral, head and neck cancer” typically refers to squamous cell carcinoma of the tongue, throat, and voice box. It can include other types of cancer that arises in the nasal cavity, sinuses, lips, mouth, thyroid glands, salivary glands, throat, or voice box

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Worldwide, over 550,000 new cases of oral, head and neck cancer are diagnosed each year.

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66% of the time, oral, head and neck cancers will be found as late stage three and four disease.

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Men are affected about twice as often as women with oral, head and neck cancer.

NO. 5

Tobacco and alcohol use are the leading causes of mouth and voice box cancers.

NO. 6

Oral, head and neck cancer can be attributed to a particular strain of human papillomavirus (HPV).

NO. 7

HPV may be related to over half of tonsil cancers.

NO. 8

A red or white patch in the mouth or a sore throat can be the first signs of cancers of the mouth and throat.

NO. 9

50% of people with head and neck cancers have very advanced cases by the time they first see a doctor.

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Patients with cancers treated in the early stages may have little post-treatment disfigurement or functional deficit.

CHECK OUT ANY SIGNS & SYMPTOMS HERE

<https://cancernz.org.nz/cancer-information/cancer-types/head-and-neck-cancers/>

Sources

- 1. https://www.enthealth.org/be_ent_smart/50-facts-about-oral-head-and-neck-cancer/
- 2. <https://cancernz.org.nz/>

