









Is it time to spare postoperative irradiation of the flap in locally advanced oral cavity tumours treated with compartmental tongue surgery and reconstruction?

Retrospective analysis of 183 patients

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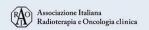


#### **DICHIARAZIONE**

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Come da nuova regolamentazione della Commissione Nazionale per la Formazione Continua del Ministero della Salute, è richiesta la trasparenza delle fonti di finanziamento e dei rapporti con soggetti portatori di interessi commerciali in campo sanitario.

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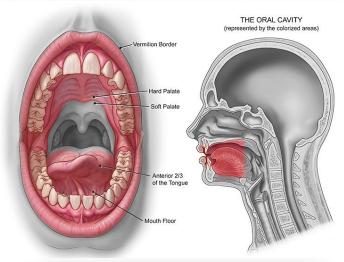
## **BACKGROUND**

## Oral cavity cancer

Increasing incidence of **oral tongue squamous cell carcinoma** in <u>young</u> white women age 18-44 years

## **Major risk factors:**

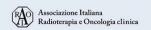
- Tobacco
- Alcohol



# Advanced stage tumors suitable for surgery (T3-T4a N0-N3)

Surgery + RT +/- CT



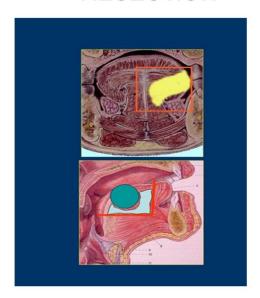




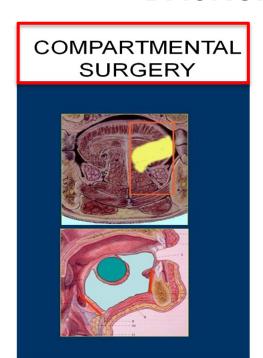


## **BACKGROUND**

#### WIDE RESECTION



- radical surgery
- resection margin 1-2 cm



- planned resection (involved muscles)

### Compartmental tongue surgery: Long term oncologic results in the treatment of tongue cancer

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## **BACKGROUND**

**Surgical flap** is routinely included in target volumes of postoperative radiotherapy (**PORT**) in patients treated with surgery for locally advanced tumor of the oral cavity



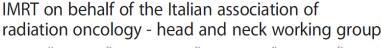
Irradiation of the surgical flap could increase the acute radiation-related toxicity



Can it be avoided?



## Retrospective analysis!



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Technical guidelines for head and neck cancer

Recommendations for postoperative radiotherapy in head & neck squamous cell carcinoma in the presence of flaps: A GORTEC internationally-reviewed HNCIG-endorsed consensus



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REVIEW



## **MATHERIALS AND METHODS**

Data from patients treated with CTS and PORT at two Italian Institutions (IEO and Azienda Sanitaria dell'Alto Adige) have been retrospectively collected and analyzed

#### Inclusion criteria:

- 1) Locally advanced stage (III and IV, according 7th AJCC Edition)
- 2) CTS + PORT
- 3) Minimum follow-up of 6 months.

#### Aim:

- To assess whether the surgical flap represents a site of tumor local recurrence









## **MATHERIALS AND METHODS**

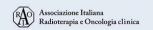
All patients have been treated with intensity modulated radiotherapy (IMRT) up to a total dose ranging from 54 to 66 Gy



The surgical flap was always included in the RT field at different dose levels according to tumor characteristics



Localization of **local recurrences** has been **identified** both **by radiologic images** (if available) and by the **revision** of medical charts performed **by an expert surgeon** 









## **RESULTS**

#### 183 patients matched the inclusion criteria

Median age was 54 years Median follow-up time of 74.1 months

## 28 Local Recurrence (15%)

Median fup-time of 9.4 months (IQR: 7.8 – 20.5)

	Patients with local recurrence	Patients without local recurrence	Total number of patients
	n=28	n=155	n=183
Gender			
Male	23	111	134
Female	5	42	47
Smoking habits			
No	5	48	53
Yes	23	107	130
<= 20 pack year	5	42	47
> 20 pack year	18	65	83
Glossectomy			
IIIA-B	11	84	95 (52%)
IVA-B	8	31	39 (21%)
V	1	7	8 (4%)
VI	8	33	41 (23%)

	Patients with local recurrence	Patients without local recurrence	Total number of patients
	n=28	n=155	n=183
Grade			
G1 / G2 / G3	11%/32%/57%	11%/44%/45%	11%/42%/47%
Histological DOI (mm)			
>10 / <=10	86%/14%	86%/14%	86%/14%
Margin			
Free/Positive/Close	82%/7%/11%	80%/9%/11%	80%/9%/11%
Margin Midline infiltration			
Yes	11%	4%	5%
T-N Tract			
Positive	21%	18%	19%
Vascular infiltration			
Yes	7%	7%	7%
Perineural infiltration			
Yes	14%	22%	21%
Intrinsic muscle infiltration			
Yes	89%	98%	97%
Extrinsic muscle infiltration			
Yes	82%	88%	87%
ECE			
Yes	46%	35%	37%
Stage			
pT1-2	2	16	18
pT3-4	26	139	165
pN0-1	8	81	89
pN2	20	72	92
pN3	0	1	1
III	1	4	5
IVa	27	151	178









## **RESULTS**

## 28 Local Recurrence





## 17 at radiologic images



# None of the local recurrences was localized within the surgical flap



11 at clinical charts revision



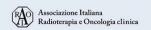






## **CONCLUSIONS**

- In the analyzed cohort, none of the primary tumor recurrences occurred within the surgical flap
- This finding could suggest that flap does not represent an area at high risk of relapse
- Further investigations are required to assess if it would be safe to avoid flap irradiation after a compartmental surgical approach
- An accurate mapping of recurrences location and absorbed dose to the surgical flap is currently ongoing







# Grazie per l'attenzione!!







