

Postoperative radiation therapy for cancers of the head and neck: indications, results, and future directions

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Along with nodal status and extracapsular extension of lymph nodes, is size and/or invasiveness of the primary tumor a relevant factor in the potential value of post-operative radiation therapy?


What can be done to ameliorate the challenge of mucositis in patients receiving radiation for head and neck cancer?

Are the newer radiation techniques now allowing radiation to be delivered with fewer side effects, or to be raised to a higher dose at the limits of tolerability?

What are the main factors you use in trying to decide whether to recommend a PEG (feeding) tube up front vs. starting without it and adding it later if needed?

What is the difference in your approach of radiation for a patient with head/neck cancer who has undergone surgery vs. someone who is receiving radiation instead of surgery?

Should patients who undergo trans-oral laser surgery necessarily pursue post-operative radiation?



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