

Foreword

I am glad to write this foreword for consensus document for Management of Tongue Cancer. The ICMR had constituted sub-committees to prepare this document for management of various cancer sites. This document is the result of the hard work of various experts across the country working in the area of oncology.

This Consensus Document on Management of Tongue Cancers summarizes the modalities of treatment including the site-specific anti-cancer therapies, supportive and palliative care and molecular markers and research questions. It also interweaves clinical, biochemical and epidemiological studies.

The various subcommittees constituted under Task Force project on Review of Cancer Management Guidelines worked tirelessly in drafting cancer site-specific guidelines. Each member of the subcommittee's contribution towards drafting of these guidelines deserves appreciation and acknowledgement for their dedicated research, experience and effort for successful completion. We hope that this document would provide guidance to practicing doctors and researchers for the management of Tongue Cancer patients and also focusing their research efforts in Indian context.

It is understood that this document represents the current thinking of national experts on this topic based on available evidence and will have to be revised as we move. Mention of drugs and clinical tests for therapy do not imply endorsement or recommendation for their use, these are examples to guide clinicians in complex decision making. We are confident that this first edition of these guidelines will serve the desired purpose.



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