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Optimizing swallowing outcomes and management of dysphagia in head and neck cancer

Dysphagia (swallowing dysfunction) is a debilitating, depressing and potentially life-threatening complication in cancer patients that is likely neglected. In last two decades oncological outcomes has improved with advance in surgical and radiation methods, that's why quality of life needs to be addressed among survivors. This keynote lecture is aimed to give precise information on dysphagia in head and neck with a focus on assessment tools, prevalence, complications and impact on quality of life. Management of swallowing dysfunctions will be covered with recent advances and available evidences in all subsites of head and neck cancers that are treated with curative surgical/chemoradiation modality.

Biography

Shashikant Limbachiya is Super Specialist (MCh) Head and Neck Onco-Surgeon working in Gujarat, India. After his Post-graduation in Master of Surgery, he did Super Specialty from Amrita Institute, India. He is the Founder of India's first Dysphagia society, Deglutology Research Foundation. His areas of interests are oral, laryngeal, sinonasal, skull base, thyroid, parotid and neck surgeries as well as reconstructive plastic and microvascular procedures. He has authored 6 text book chapters and several publications in reputed journals.

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