Comprehensive guidelines for the examination of oral cancer resection specimens: CAP versus RCPath protocol

INTRODUCTION - Given the complexity and critical nature of oral cavity resections, documentation and well-structured reports are paramount. CAP and RCPath are the two most commonly used standardised guidelines for reporting oral cavity resections and serve as an essential tool for conveying crucial information among multidisciplinary teams, guiding postoperative care, and facilitating long-term patient management.

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COLLEGE OF AMERICAN		-Core, Conditional, Optional	Dataset	-Core, Non-Core	THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS, OCT 2023
PATHOLOGISTS, JUNE 2023		CORE – Tumour focality, site, size, laterality, histology, DOI, PNI, lymphovascular invasion (LVI), margin status, regional lymph nodes, pTNM	Core Elements	CORE – Neoadjuvant chemotherapy(NACT), tumour site, laterality, size, histology, DOI, PNI, LVI, margin status, pattern of invasion, bone invasion, regional lymph nodes, pTNM	Pathology the science behind the cure
		Tumour Size Greatest dimension in (cm)in cm + Additional dimension in (cm)×cm Cannot be determinedexplain	Tumour Dimension	Tumour Dimensions (core) Maximum tumour dimension (largest tumour)mm Cannot be assessed	In mm
		Tumour Laterality (select all that apply) Right Left Midline Not specified	Tumour Laterality	Oral cavity Lateral border of tongue. Left Right. Laterality not specified Ventral surface of tongue, NOS Left Right Midline Laterality not specified Dorsal surface of tongue, NOS Left Right Midline Laterality not specified Anterior 2- thirds of tongue, NOS Left Right Midline Laterality not specified	
INCLUSION		Involved margin is the presence of invasive cancer or high grade dysplasia at the resected margin	Positive Mucosal Margins	Presence of invasive cancer within 1 mm of the margin is considered to constitute a positive margin	INCLUSION EXCLUSION
Carcinoma Mucosal Melanoma		The total number of lymph nodes examined must be reported, but only if nodes are present in the specimen	Regional Lymph Nodes	Separate dataset for assessing lymph nodes	InvasiveSarcomacarcinoma of orallymphomacavity
		Perineural invasion (PNI) is associated with poor	Extranodal Extension	WORST PATTERN OF INVASION IN OSCC	
 DISCUSSION- Chiou et al. (2010), surgically treated buccal mucosa cancer has a significant probability of locoregional recurrence when the surgical margin is ≤3 mm but not 5 mm. Kurita H et al, 2010, survival is negatively impacted solely by severe dysplasia at the margin. National Comprehensive Cancer Network criteria 2018, clear is defined as having a final pathological measurement of 5 mm. 		local disease control and regional control, also with metastasis to regional lymph nodes		Image: Section of the section of th	Brandwein Gensler Risk Model
		Depth of invasion (DOI) is measured from the basement membrane of adjacent normal to the deepest point of invasion of the tumour.			Variable Type Score WPOI. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 0,0,0,+1,+3
					Lymphocytic host response (LHR) 1, 2, 3 0, +1, +3
					PNI None, 0,+1,+3 small, large nerves
		DOI PNI	A CARLER OF		TOTAL 0, 1/2, =>/3
		CONCLUSION - Information pertaining to resection needs clinicians. Also, in our institutional experience we prefer CAP	<i>. .</i>	s so that information present in report is understood universally by all and has more reproducibility.	RISK Low, intermediate, high
Brinkman et al. (2022), the RCPath definition is less predictive of survival outcomes in OCSCC than the involved main specimen margins as defined by the CAP guidelines.			gical mar- gin conditions on loca	oregional recurrence. Radiat Oncol. 2010 Sep 15;5:79. l recurrence of oral squamous cell carcinoma. Oral Oncol 2010;46:814–817.	Use of Brandwein Gensler is not recommended in either of the two protocols but the risk assessment and the treatment protocol is based on Brandwein Gensler risk assessment scale.
		National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Head and neck cancers. Version 2.2018.			

defined by the CAP guidelines.

> Brinkman D et al. Comparison of royal college of pathologists and college of american pathologists definition for positive margins in oral cavity squamous cell carcinoma. Oral Oncol. 2022 Apr;127:105797.