

Head & Neck Case Discussion

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The question

Question:

It is recognised that currently in some circumstances, surgical treatments with limited benefit might be delivered to patients whereas there are greater limitations in the use of drug/medicine therapies.

With particular reference to end of life care, what guidance and information should be considered by MDTs when making decisions to undertake complex surgical procedures in order to assure that surgical interventions are in a patient's best interests?

Bristol Head & Neck MDT

- MDT (discuss 40+ per week in 90 mins)
- 350 new cases per year
- BAHNO/ BAOMS/ ENT UK
- NO surgical rationing to date, all MDT based
- Oncology follow national guidelines

Two cases.....

- 93 year old with Squamous cell carcinoma tongue for hemiglossectomy and neck dissection
- 27 year old with recurrent SCC of maxilla, post surgery and radiotherapy

Discussion