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A national audit to assess adherence to Royal College of Pathologists guidelines for MDS reporting of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma

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Scientific outline

Histopathological assessment of surgical resection material provides important prognostic information and informs staging and patient management. To standardise reporting for people diagnosed with Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma, the Royal College of Pathologists have produced a National Minimum Dataset highlighting data items that are required for inclusion in the Cancer Outcomes and Services Dataset. The data set outlines clinical data (submitted by surgeon or oncologist) and core pathological data (assessed by a pathologist).

The aim of this audit is to determine adherence to the Royal College of Pathologists reporting guidelines for people recruited to the Head & Neck 5000 study with a diagnosis of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma.

Pathology reports for people recruited from H&N5000 sites and treated surgically for a diagnosis of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma will be assessed against the data items outlined in the National Minimum Dataset. The standard required is that at least 90% of reports should record a full set of data items.