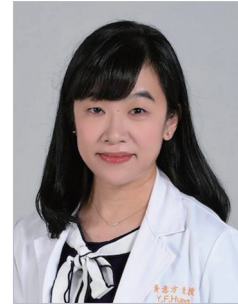


Prosthetic Rehabilitation and Oral Care in Patients with Head and Neck Cancer

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The different treatment modalities of head and neck cancer often severely alter oral function and conditions to reduce the quality of life. Oral mucositis and osteoradionecrosis are the most common complications derived from chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Utilizing dental prophylaxis to reduce the oral infections then prevent oral complications should be taken seriously and promoted. Prosthetic rehabilitation is essential to regain the oral function

after tumor excision but the changed oral conditions usually compromises prosthetic design and functional outcomes. How to overcome this physical limitations to recover the masticatory performance is an important issue. Many increased dental insights from prevention to reconstruction has developed to improve quality of cancer care. This lecture addresses the role of dentist in the multidisciplinary treatment of head and neck cancer patients from start to finish.