Preface

Adjunctive Technologies in the Management of Head and Neck Pathology

The management of head and neck pathology is an ever-evolving discipline and the diagnostic and treatment modalities involved are as varied as the taxonomy of the different diseases included. The purpose of this issue of the *Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America* is not to provide a comprehensive review of pathology but to describe some of the adjunctive therapies and measures used in the management of these conditions. Several disciplines participate in the treatment of head and neck pathology and we have received contributions from the major participants. While the management of pathology and head and neck malignancy may not be a principal focus for many oral and maxillofacial surgeons, extensive opportunities exist to care for these patients, and familiarity with current treatment approaches is necessary. Topics representing new and dynamic treatments, such as the management of necrosis of bone secondary to antiresorptive therapy, and others that oral and maxillofacial surgeons may not be familiar with, such as chemoradiation therapy for cancer patients, were included. Although an exhaustive review of head and neck pathology was never the goal or within the scope of this publication, efforts were made to make this edition a practical and useful review of some of the more significant developments in the management of head and neck pathology.

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