

Swedish National Quality Register of Head & Neck Cancer (SHNC-QR):

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Background: Registries with high coverage can be invaluable for describing patterns of care and outcomes for a population of patients (pts).

We report the initial findings from, a prospective, longitudinal, observational national register of head and neck carcinoma (HNC) pts in Sweden. All ENT and Oncology departments diagnosing and treating HNC are participating

Methods: Pts are eligible for SHNC-QR if they have newly diagnosed HNC. Coverage is double-checked through the Swedish Cancer Registry which receives information from clinical departments and pathology departments.

Data are entered in the register electronically and transferred via protocols in the INCA system. Pts are followed from time of initial diagnosis and for a minimum of 5 years, or until death.

Data collected: Histology, anatomic site, TNM classification and stage, personal data and performance. Type of treatment planned and completed and follow-up. When all data has been introduced and verified in the data base, the patient file is locked. Only locked records are summarized and reported.

Results: 1179 pts have been enrolled during 2008 comprising 95% of patients with HNC in Sweden. Examples of statistical data will be presented.

Conclusions: SHNC-QR is a complete prospective register of HNC in Sweden with acceptance in all treatment centers and the Swedish National Health Board.