

# GOTeC\*: INTERDISCIPLINARY TUMOR BOARD FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENTS OF HEAD AND NECK CANCERS

\* Gruppo Oncologico Testa e Collo (Head & Neck Oncologic Group)

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## INTRODUCTION

Given the nature of illness, Head and Neck (H&N) cancer patients must receive multiple health cares by professionals working in a variety of setting. Interdisciplinary teamwork must be promoted to optimize professionals' participation in multidisciplinary clinical decision-making.

## OBJECTIVES

To show the multidisciplinary network, named "GOTeC" ["Gruppo Oncologico Testa e Collo" (Head&Neck group)], born in Policlinico "P. Giaccone" of Palermo since 2009. Its main aim was to create a preferential care paths and research group, which deals with the entire diagnostic-therapeutic process of the patient suffering from H&N cancers, from the suspected diagnosis to therapeutic complete plans **(START the video below)**.



## RESULTS

From 2009 to date, GOTeC has managed about 1000 patients with H&N cancers. Most of them (about 80%) had planned their complete diagnostic/therapeutic pathway within 1 month from the suspected diagnosis.

## CONCLUSIONS

GOTeC is the first group in Sicily that has developed an innovative system able to guarantee an entire diagnostic-therapeutic work-up for H&N cancers patient in very short time with a positive impact on their post-treatment quality of life.