

Editorial



ORAL SQUAMOUS carcinoma is regarded as about the sixth most common malignant neoplasm worldwide. Particularly a problem in the Third World, there is now evidence that it is increasing in the West. A range of other neoplasms involve the mouth and perioral tissues: these include particularly neoplasms of salivary glands, and those in immunoincompetent hosts, including HIV disease.

Oral disease, however, is also a major component of many malignancies, and is a serious problem in terms of symptomatology and prognosis. The mouth is, for example, a prime source of septicaemia in leukaemics. Oral lesions are extremely common and symptomatic in patients on cancer chemotherapy, where there is radiotherapy to the head and neck region, and in bone marrow and other transplants.

Publications on Oral Oncology are numerous but widely dispersed in the medical, dental, scientific and other literature, making it difficult to keep abreast of developments. Indeed, a recent literature search revealed 100 relevant titles spread across 67 different journals.

The new interdisciplinary journal, *Oral Oncology*, will, for the first time, draw together issues relating to aetiopathogenesis, epidemiology, prevention and management and will appeal to basic researchers in these disciplines, epidemiologists, head and neck surgeons—particularly those in oral and maxillofacial surgery, oral physicians, dentists, pathologists and non-medical health care professionals concerned with oral care, as well as oncologists and other clinicians. The Editorial Board is drawn from experts across the world and includes persons specialising in these various disciplines.

The journal will attempt to referee papers and offer a decision within weeks, and publish accepted material within about 6 months. It should thus be an effective disseminator of knowledge.

Crispian Scully,
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Oral Oncology

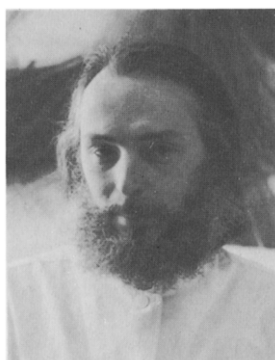


We are delighted to see the inaugural issue of *Oral Oncology*, the first EJC daughter journal, which will cover the important, and often neglected multidisciplinary field of oral and perioral oncology. The editor, Crispian Scully, Professor of Oral Medicine, Surgery and Pathology at Bristol University, is joined by an international advisory board of eminent oncologists and scientists and a board of consulting editors. *Oral Oncology* will feature both topical invited review articles, and submitted papers. The new journal will reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the EJC and focus on an area of oncology which presents an increasing problem in the developed and developing world.

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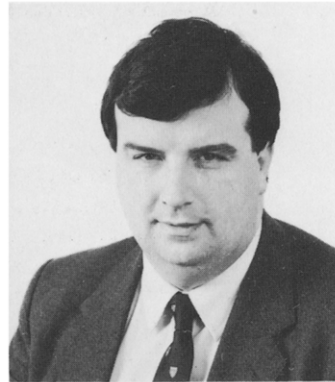
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