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Cytology of the head and neck

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summary

As will have been seen, cytology from the head and neck region can be highly challenging given the range of tissue and organs, but also because of the great overlap that can occur between sites and lesions. However, as daunting as this may seem, the ability of cytology to play a major role in patient management should not be underestimated. This chapter is not intended to be an atlas of diagnostic cytology but more of an appetizer. Only regular exposure to the cytology of head and neck lesions and more extensive educational tools will make the reader competent in this area.