

A SURVEY OF THE NEOPLASTIC LESIONS IN THE NORTH WEST REGION OF PAKISTAN - II

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Sir,

A total Of 5600 biopsy specimens were received in the year 1983 by the Faisal Clinical Laboratory, the pathology section of Institute of Radiotherapy and Nuclear Medicine (IRNUM) and the department of dentistry, Khyber Medical College, Peshawar. These three centres receive biopsies from almost all the divisions of the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and its adjoining tribal areas covering a population of approximately 15 mfflion people. Of 5600 samples, 1065 were malignant. Following ICDO¹ coding, the five commonest tumours in both the sexes and its comparison with previous report² and those reported from Lahore³ and Karachi³ is shown in Table I and II.

TABLE I. Five Commonest Tumours in Males.

S. No.	Present Series	Previous ² Series	JPMC ³	KEMC ³
1.	Lymph Nodes (15.6)	Skin (16.8s)	Bronchus (14.2)	Lymph Nodes (12. 5)
2.	Skin (14.9)	Lymph Nodes (14.5)	Hypopharynx (12.9)	Larynx (7.9s)
3.	Oral Cavity (7.4)	Oral Cavity (6.8)	Oral Cavity (12.4)	Skin (7.1)
4.	Oesophagus (6.3)	Larynx (5.7)	Oesophagus (7.9)	Bronchus (6.6)
5.	Larynx (4.8)	Oesophagus (6.1)	Hemopoietic (6.5)	Connective Tissue (6.9)

TABLE II. Five Commonest Tumours in Females.

S. No.	Present Series	Previous ² Series	JPMC ³	KEMC ³
1.	Breast (17.8)	Breast (18.8)	Breast (20.8)	Breast (32.6)
2.	Skin (17.5)	Skin (12.8)	Oral Cavity (14.2)	Cervix (8.9)
3.	Oesophagus (5.7)	Lymph Nodes (7.4)	Cervix (10.6)	Ovary (7.0s)
4.	Lymph Nodes (7.1)	Oral Cavity (6.7)	Oesophagus (8.0)	Oral Cavity (6.4)
5.	Oral Cavity (3.8)	Oesophagus (5.4)	Hypopharynx (5.3)	Connective Tissue (3.8)

Variations in the frequency of different types of tumours in NWFP are likely to be due to district, ethnic, social and geographical characteristics, but further studies and collection of data for another 8 - 10 years is required to draw some positive conclusions.

Thanking you,
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