

Radiation Therapy for Head and Neck Cancers

LEARNING ABOUT CLINICAL TRIALS

The radiation oncology treatment team is always exploring new ways to improve treatments through studies called clinical trials. Today's treatments are a result of trials completed years ago, proving that radiation therapy safely and effectively kills cancer cells and is a safe long-term treatment. For more information on clinical trials, visit:

National Cancer Institute
www.cancer.gov/clinicaltrials

Radiation Therapy Answers
www.rtanswers.org

Radiation Therapy Oncology Group
www.rtog.org

ABOUT THE RADIATION ONCOLOGY TEAM

Radiation oncologists are doctors who specialize in the use of radiation therapy as a treatment for cancer. Other members of the treatment team include radiation therapists, radiation oncology nurses, medical physicists, dosimetrists, social workers and nutritionists. For information on what each does or to find a radiation oncologist near you, visit www.rtanswers.org.

ABOUT ASTRO

The American Society for Radiation Oncology is the largest radiation oncology society in the world with more than 10,000 members who specialize in treating patients with radiation therapies. ASTRO is dedicated to improving patient care through education, clinical practice, advancement of science and advocacy. Visit www.astro.org for more information.

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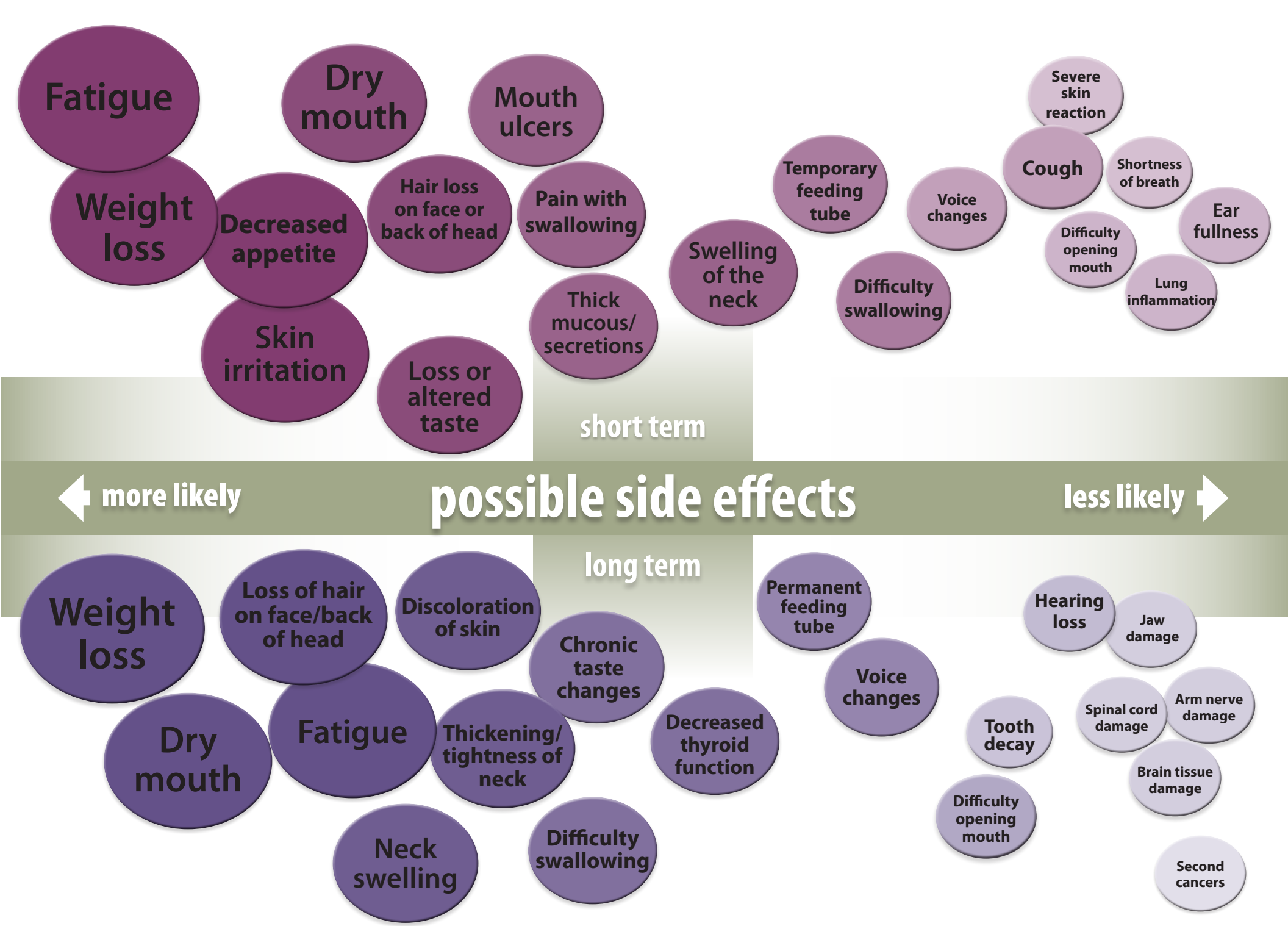
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This year, the American Cancer Society estimates that in the United States, approximately 3-5% of all cancers will be in the head and neck region. An estimated 65,630 people (48,200 men and 17,430 women) will develop head and neck cancer and 14,500 (10,760 men and 3,740 women) deaths will occur this year as a result of this cancer diagnosis.



*Larger/darker bubbles show higher likelihood of occurrence. Smaller/lighter bubbles show lesser likelihood of occurrence. This list doesn't represent all of the possible side effects. Please talk to your doctors about your specific diagnosis. For side effects for specific locations of the head and neck, visit rtanswers.org.