

## **Effect of Socioeconomic Disparities on Survival of Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma Patients**

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### **Abstract:**

Socio-economic status has been shown to affect survival in patients diagnosed with head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC), even in health systems with universal healthcare in developed countries. Singapore has a subsidized housing system, where income determines eligibility for subsidies. The goal of our study was to assess whether socio-economic status, determined by a patient's residential profile, influenced survival of these patients. A secondary analysis examined whether lower socioeconomic status patients were more likely to present with advanced disease.

### **Presenter's profile:**

Dr Wong Ting Hway is a general and trauma surgeon at the Singapore General Hospital. She has worked for various humanitarian organisations, including Doctors without Borders in Angola, and was medical co-ordinator for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Nepal. When not walking around the hospital, she belly-dances and dances hip-hop with her toddlers. Her poems and articles have been published in various anthologies, including "Dance the Guns to Silence" and "Medecins sans Frontieres: Stories from the Field". More recent essays, inspired by her journey with her mother's dementia, were published in "Grandmother's Garden".

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