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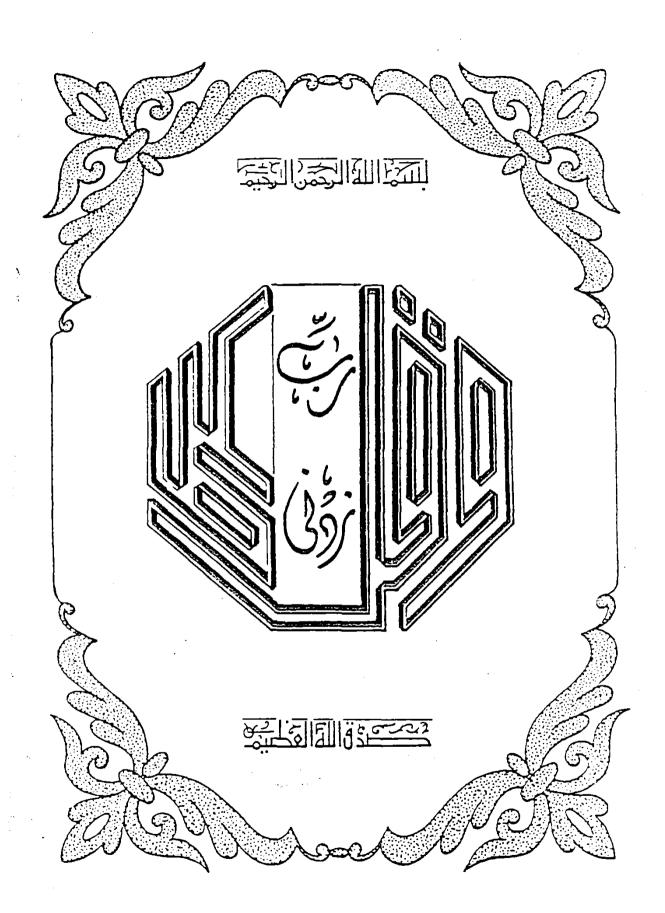
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#### List of abbreviations

ACC Acinic cell carcinoma

AIDS Acquired immune deficiency syndrome

AJCC American Joint Comittee on Cancer

BLL Benign lymphoepithelial lesion

BMT Benign mixed tumor

CA Cancer associated antigen

CAP Cyclophosphamide, adriamycin and cisplatin

CDDP Cis-diamminedichloro-platinum

CEA Carcino-embryonic antigen

cGy Centi gray.

Ch. Th. Chemotherapy

CHART Continuous accelerated hyperfractionated radiation

therapy

CI Continous infusion

CMF Cyclophosphamide, methotrexate and 5-Fluorouracil

C n Cranial nerve

Co<sup>60</sup> Cobalt-60 teletherapy

CR Complete response

CT Computerized tomography

CVF Cyclophosphamide, vincristine and 5-fluorouracil

Gy Gray

CyVADIC Cyclophosphamide, vincristine, adriamycin and

dacarbazine

DFS

Disease free survival

DNA

Deoxy ribonucleic acid

**FCAP** 

5-Fluorouracil, cyclophosphamide, adriamycin and

cisplatin

FDG

2(fluorine-18)-fluoro-2- deoxy-p-glucose

FNA

Fine needle aspiration

5-MI

5-Fluorouracil

н & Е

Hematoxilen and eosine.

HTV

Human Immune deficiency virus

T125

Iodine-125

Ir<sup>192</sup>

Iridium-192

IA

Intraarterial

ĮςΑ

Immunoglobulin A

ЮКТ

Intraoperative radiation therapy

IV

Intravenous

IDR

Low dose rate

It

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MALT

Mucosa associated lymphoid tissues

MAP

Mitomycin, adriamycin and platinol

mE/m²

Milli equivalent per liter

Mev

Million electron volts.

mg/m<sup>2</sup>

Milligram per meter square

MIEL

Malignant lymphoepithelia lesion

MMT

Malignant mixed tumor

MRI

Magnetic resonant imaging

**BCGy** 

Neutron centigray

NCI

National Cancer Institute

NHL

Non Hodgin's lymphoma

**NEMROCK** 

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Medicine

NOS

Adenocarcinoma not otherwise specifid

OER

Oxygen enhancement ratio

PAF

Cisplatin, adriamycin and 5-fluorouracil

**PBM** 

Cisplatin, bleomycin and methotrexate

PET

Psitron emission tomography

PHI

Phosphohexose isomerase

Po od

Per orum once daily

**PORT** 

Post operative radiotherapy

PR

Partial response

Ra<sup>226</sup>

Radium-226

RR

Relative risk

Rt

Right

RT

Radiation therapy

SCC

Squamous cell carcinoma

SCC-Ag

Squamous cell carcinoma antigen

SDC

Salivary duct carcinoma

SDD

Source surface distance

STPF

Serum immunoglobulin prognostic index

**TAG** 

Tumor associated glycoprotein

Tc99-m

Technetium pertechnetate

TMJ

Tempromandibular joint

TNM Tumor, node metastases

U/S Ultrasonography

VAC Vincristine, adriamycin and cyclophosphamide.

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# INTRODUCTION AND AIM OF THE WORK

#### Introduction

The parotid gland is the largest salivary gland and the most frequently involved with benign and malignant disease. Parotid gland neoplasms are uncommon and accounts for less than 2% of all human tumors (George et al., 1991).

No sexual predilection can consistently identified except for cases of Warthin's tumors which develops about five times more frequently in men (Haskell, 1990).

Histopathologically, parotid tumors can be classified into benign 75% and malignant 25%. Benign tumors of parotid gland can be classified into:

Benign mixed tumors

Warthin's tumors

Miscellaneous benign tumors (Saunders et al., 1986).

As a general rule, benign tumors occur in younger patients whereas those patients afflicted with malignant tumors are older for instance, hemangiomas accounts for about 50% of parotid tumors in infants and children, compared to 2% in adults (George et al., 1991).

Malignant parotid tumors can be classified pathologically into:

Mucoepidermoid carcinoma which accounts for 29% of all malignant

parotid tumors, adenocarcinoma, adenoid cystic carcinoma, malignant mixed tumors, undifferentiated carcinoma, acinic cell carcinoma, malignant lymphoma, melanoma and others (Skarin, 1992).

Mucoepidermoid carcinoma can be categorized into low grade (74%) and high grade (26%), and lesions so classified provide relatively good and bad prognostic groups with respect to local recurrence and metastatic ability (Batsakis, 1990). It may develop in patients of any age but the peak incidence is the 5th decade (Haskell, 1990).

The incidence and pattern of local extension, regional nodal metastases and distant metastases of malignant parotid tumors, vary with histological type. Most malignant parotid tumors metastasize initially to local lymph nodes drainge and 20-30% of patients have clinically positive regional lymph nodes at presentation (Rafla, 1977).

Surgery remains the primary therapy for carcinoma of the parotid gland. Surgical technique depends on location and extent of primary disease and regional adenopathy. (Kaplan and Johns, 1993).

Patients with disease free surgical margins, a favourable histology, negative nodes have usually not been given adjuvant radiation therapy post operatively, particularly in the initial treatment program. (Spiro and Spiro, 1989)

Patients with recurrent lesions, residual disease left at surgery, and high grade lesions have increasingly been given post operative radiation therapy to decrease recurrence (Tapley, 1977 and Mutsuba et al., 1985).

There is an 87% local control rate for parotid tumors treated with postoperative radiation therapy (McNaney et al., 1983).

Those who refuse surgery or demonstrate obviously unresectable local lesions or distant spread at diagnosis are generally refered for radiation therapy alone, with either palliative or occasionally curative intent (Simpson et al., 1986).

The relative variety of these neoplasms and their localized nature have oviated most opportunities for trials in chemotherapy. Treatment regimens have been used either as neoadjuvant, adjuvant or palliative. Dreyfuss and associates (1987) reported a 46% response rate in 13 patients with adenoid cystic carcinoma to a combination of cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin and cisplatin.

# Aim of the work

The aim of this review is to revise the management of parotid gland tumors including; incidence, anatomy, etiology, pathology, clinical findings, diagnosis and different treatment modalities.

# REVIEW OF LITERATURE