**What is Head & Neck Cancer**

Head and neck cancer describes cancers within this area, where cancer starts in the tissues in the head and neck area.

For example:

* mouth which includes the tongue, palate, gums and lips
* throat (the pharynx) which is divided into the nasopharynx, oropharynx and hypopharynx
* nose and sinuses (air-filled spaces in the bones of the face)
* salivary glands which make saliva
* middle ear which contains the ear drum.