

Mouth Cancer from a Patient Perspective.

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From the beginning...



...to Brighton...



...all the way north to Dundee.



Something amiss...



It's oh so quiet...



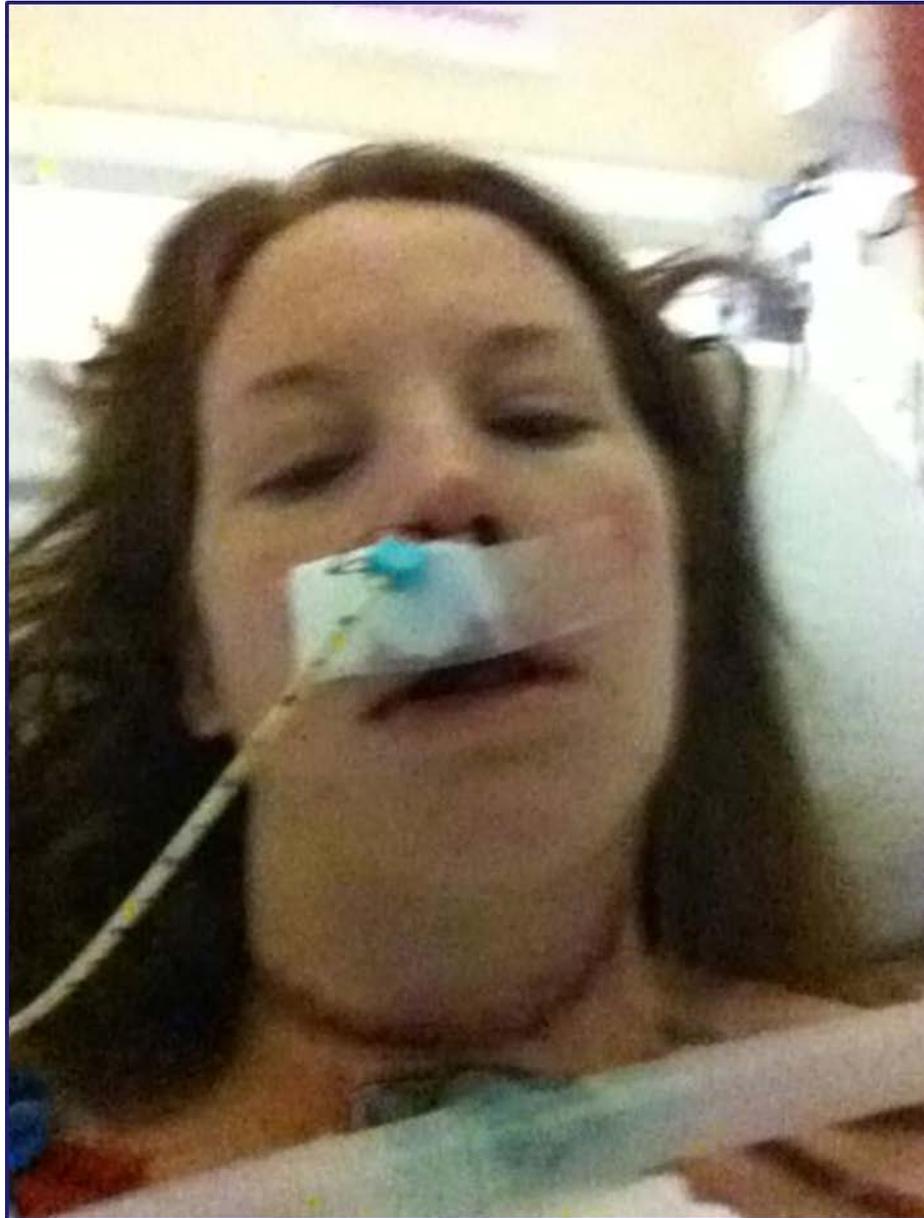
Go west...



And then there were two!



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Final thoughts

- Cases of mouth cancer are increasing, both HPV+ and HPV-.
- Oral cancer does occur in younger people!
 - Not the majority, but cases are increasing at an alarming rate
 - Make referrals on symptoms presented regardless of patient age
- Prevention
 - Through awareness of the key risk factors: **alcohol**, smoking and diet and (lack of) exercise
 - Through awareness of signs and symptoms of disease
- Early detection essential to a good outcome – be aware of the signs and symptoms for yourself, your family, and your patients

