

Histological tumour grade (Core)

Reason/Evidentiary Support

Based on the World Health Organization (WHO) classifications, three histologic grades of squamous cell carcinoma, conventional type are used: well, moderately or poorly differentiated.¹ The most aggressive or highest grade should be recorded if the tumour has a varied histology. Grading requires the assessment of keratinization, mitotic activity, cellular and nuclear pleomorphism, pattern of invasion and host response.²⁻⁶ Squamous cell carcinoma subtypes such as verrucous carcinoma, basaloid squamous cell carcinoma, papillary squamous cell carcinoma are not graded.

Grading of minor salivary gland tumours follows the criteria for major salivary gland tumours.^{7,8}

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