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To whom it may concern,

**Re: HNSCCUP National Audit 2021:  
National audit of the management of head & neck squamous cell carcinoma  
of unknown primary**

The **ENT UK Head & Neck Society (HNSOC)** are fully supportive of this National Audit of the management of head & neck squamous cell carcinoma of unknown primary, developed and delivered by **INTEGRATE (The UK ENT Trainee Research Network)** and supported by a grant from the **ENT UK Foundation Research Grants Programme**.

Patients presenting with cervical metastases, without clinically evident primaries, undergo some of the longest and most comprehensive diagnostic workups of any of our head and neck cancer patients. This comprehensive national audit will give insight into the real-world management of these patients, to be compared to the various available guidelines and standards governing their care.<sup>1-4</sup> The data collected will provide an invaluable foundation for the **Head & Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma of Unknown Primary Multidisciplinary Consensus Day**, hosted by ENT UK and endorsed by **The Royal College of Radiologists**, taking place in Gateshead on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Widespread engagement from UK Head & Neck Cancer units is anticipated and essential to inform future improvements in care pathways. We are grateful for your support. Further information available here: [entintegrate.co.uk/hnsccup](http://entintegrate.co.uk/hnsccup).

Yours faithfully,

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