Contralateral Lymph node involvement in Head and Neck Cancer patients
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Objective
To identify the incidence of contralateral lymph node involvement in head and neck cancers at the time of presentation.

Methodology
A Prospective observational study was carried out for a period of one year from 11/06/2012 to 10/06/2013. The study population was, patients who were diagnosed as having head and neck cancer who presented to Ear Nose and Throat Unit -National Hospital of Sri Lanka. A data sheet was used to collect data which was filled by a trained medical officer.

Results
Total of 215 patients were evaluated in the study and 5 patients were excluded due to loss to follow up. Out of the evaluated 210 patients, forty-seven (22.38%) patients had contralateral lymph node involvement at the time of presentation.

Hundred and sixty-three (77.61%) patients did not have contralateral lymph node involvement at the time of presentation.

Conclusions
A significant percentage of Head and Neck cancer patients had contralateral lymph node involvement at the time of presentation which affect their management and survival.