

Esophageal cancer:

- Most common site is - Middle third of esophagus.
- Morphologic type → squamous cell carcinoma & Adenocarcinoma

SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA: - Most common type.
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- Risk factors:
- Alcohol intake
 - Tobacco smoking
 - Plummer-Vinson syndrome
 - Iron def Anemia
 - Esophageal webs
 - Glossitis.
- Not common: Polychlorinated hydrocarbons, nitrosamines, HPV, Radiotherapy

MORPHOLOGY: Middle 3rd of esophagus.

Pattern of growth:

- Fungating or exophytic → Tumor protrude into & obstruct lumen
- Ulcerative → Growth of elevated ulcer edges.
- Stenotic & Diffraction

HISTOLOGY → Malignant squamous cell with varying degree of differentiation

SPREAD - Local spread → into Resopharynx, Aorta, Mediastinum, pericardium

Lymphatic spread → Cancer in

→ Upper 3rd → cervical lymph node

Middle 3rd → Mediastinal, paratracheal

Lower 3rd → gastric & celiac nodes.

Hematogenous spread → goes like to liver, lungs, Adrenals, bones.

Clinical featus: Dysphagia, odynophagia, obstruction
→ weight loss.

Diagnosis → Endoscopy & biopsy.

NOTE

- Lymphatic channel in the lamina propria are unique to esophagus.
Dense submucosal lymphatic plexus facilitates early dissemination of malignancy.
- Not common tumor → Leiomyoma.
- H. pylori → CagA +ve strain.
Protective for Adenocarcinoma of esophagus.
Can lead to squamous cell carcinoma.

ADENOCARCINOMA: Usually arise in a background of:
 ↳ Barrett esophagus
 ↳ Long standing GERD.